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Peterborough County Photographers

by Fraser Dunford

Here is a list of photographers thought to have worked in Peterborough County anytime before 1945. It was compiled from lists, books, articles, newspaper ads, directories, and phone books. I particularly want to thank Bob Bowley and Marlow Banks whose lists were my starting point.

Different sources give different dates for some photographers, so I have provided two date ranges. "Possible Dates" give the maximum range from all sources. "Known Dates" gives the range from ads, directories, and phone books. A precise date indicates the date an ad appeared.

This list is neither complete nor fully accurate, but it is the only list covering the county, and it is more complete than any other list. If you can improve it, please contact me. If you have a photograph from a Peterborough County photographer that you can date, at least to the year, please send me a simple photocopy of the photographer's mark.

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Name/Address	Known Dates	Possible Dates
Andrews, Harry/ Millbrook Artcraft Studio/370 George, Ptbo	1922-1923	1897-1899
Barrie, William J./Hunter, Ptbo	1870	1869-1898
Booth, Donald W./Norwood		1893-1898
Brumwell, Jacob H/ Burnham's Block, opp Review Offc.	1865	
George Bridgenorth		1873
Burgis, CJ (Burgess?)/Lakefield		1886-1888
Byers, Harry J./772 Water, Ptbo	1894	
Byers, HJ (Henry J.?) /374 1/2 George St	1895-1897	1894-1902

Name/Address	Known Dates	Possible Dates
Byers, Harry/Millbrook		1887
Byers, Jesse/Millbrook		1887-1888
Callender, FG/Ptbo	1847 Nov. 18-	visits in 1848
Carless, FJ/Millbrook		1895-1896
Carson, John/Norwood		1870
Choate, Jas/711 Armour Rd. Ptbo	1945	
Cowan, Walter/Ptbo		1915-1919
Cox, Geo A./Burnham's Block over Maloney- Ptbo	1860	
Cripps, Albert/58 Olive, Ptbo	1927-1933	
Cripps, FA/286 George N. Ptbo	1937	
Cripps, Fred/3761/2 George, Ptbo	1938-1944	
Cunningham, A. (Andrew) Havelock		1897-1899
Norwood		1899-1900
Curry, James A./Millbrook		1900-1914
Dobson, HJ/Ptobo		1900-1914
Duke, Morris/382 George, Ptbo	1943-1945	
Early, George J./ 3741/2 George St. Ptbo	1893-1895	1887-1895
Early, Thomas G./Ptbo.		1887-1893
Elliott, Wm A. 170 Charlotte, Ptbo		1908-1912
158 Hunter, Ptbo		1908-1910
Erwins, RD/Ptbo	1864	
Esterbrook, Mr. & Mrs Thomas/Ptbo		1881-1886
Esterbrook, Thomas/Ptbo (Easterbrook?) n Simcoe e George pt 1	1883-1884 1883	1881-1884 1883-1888 (unlikely)
Esterbrook, Mrs. Thomas/Ptbo		1884-1886
Ewing, Robt D/ Hunter St. near Kingans, Ptbo.	1865	
Farthing, R/416 1/2 George, Ptbo	1922-1945	
Farthing, Reg/147 Hunter, Ptbo.	1913	1910-1919
Fife, Mrs. WB/Norwood		1865
Forbes, George/ Simcoe, Ptbo	1870	1869-1870
Ford, AE 158 Hunter, Ptbo	1897	
170 Charlotte, Ptbo	1897	1897-1899
Forsyth, James/Lakefield		1884
Forsyth, John/Simcoe, Ptbo	1870	1869-1875

Name/Address	Known Dates	Possible Dates
Fuller, John B/Norwood		1888
Gardiner, Matthew/Millbrook		1862
Green, GG (Greer?)/Millbrook		1895
Green, Garnet		
170 Charlotte, Ptbo		1897-1901
Lakefield		1897-1899
Green & Son/Ptbo	unknown	unknown
Green, JW & Son (John W.)/Ptbo	1899-1900	1899-1905
143 Hunter, Ptbo		1899-1901
145 Hunter, Ptbo		1903-1904
147 Hunter, Ptbo		unknown
Green, Peter H/Ptbo		
426 George St, Ptbo	1888-1889	
140 1/2 Hunter, Ptbo	1891-1896	
h e s Stewart I n Smith	1897	
Greer, Samuel/Millbrook		1877-1879
Greer, William H/Millbrook		1874-1876
Hall/ Hunter St., Ptbo	1868 June 11	
Hamill & Ball/Ptbo		1886
Hamill & Oliver/Millbrook		1882
Hamill, Alex S/Millbrook		1882-1884
Hamill, E/Millbrook		1883-1885
Insley, L/at Albert House, Ptbo	1847 June 24 - 1847 Jul	
Kennedy, James C/Water St., Ptbo	1859 June 22	
Lawes, Charles/Ptbo		1890
Lazier, H/Ptbo	1856 Feb 21	
Lendrum, Wm G.		
170 Charlotte, Ptbo	1906-1909	1901-1913
Havelock		1899
Little & Lawrence/Norwood		1892
Little, James/Ptbo		
n Simcoe e George pt 1	1876, 1883	
MacKnight, John L/170 Charlotte, Ptbo,	1905-1908	
Mathias, Chas D - see Artcraft Studios		
Matthew's Art Studio/	1922	
217 1/2 Charlotte, Ptbo		
McClelland, Joseph/Ptbo		1883-1885
n Sherbrooke w George 6	1883	
McFadden, Wm/372 George St, Ptbo		1885-1893
McNeely, Isaac S	1855 Jun 21 - 1855 Sep 29	
over Bradburn's store. George		

Name/Address	Known Dates	Possible Dates
Mead, Richard n Hunter e George pt 1, Ptbo	1876	
Mendel, Louis/ 374 1/2 George St. Ptbo	1907-1914	
Meyers Studio/ 428 George St., Ptbo	1942-1943	
326 George St., Ptbo	1944-1945	
Moule Studio/Ptbo	1914-1919	
Orme, WH (Wilfred H) 170 Charlotte, Ptbo	1913	1913-1915
Parks' Studio/208 Charlotte, Ptbo	1942-1945+	
Parks, Lewis R/122 Park St N. Ptbo	1922-1938	
Peacey, FW/Millbrook		1893
Peck's/ Over Brandburn's store/Ptbo	1856 Apr-1857 Sep 18	
Peck, SS/George, Ptbo	1857 Sep 7-1858 Dec 2	
Petch & Raymond/Hunter St. Ptbo	1850 Jul 18 - 1850 Aug 29	
Phillips, Peter/Hastings	1870	
Platt, CH/Havelock		1895-1896
Richmond, John L. (Richmond Studio from 1907) 147 Hunter, Ptbo	1905-1909	
145 Hunter, Ptbo		1905-1910
Richmond Studio		1907-1910
Rosebush, JA/ Glen Alda		1888-1890
Roy Studio/140 1/2 Hunter, Ptbo	1913-1945+	
Roy, Fred L/140 1/2 Hunter, Ptbo	1913-1923	
Roy, RM/140 1/2 Hunter, Ptbo	1897	
The Royal Art Studio/147 Hunter St. Ptbo		unknown
Russell, EW/Millbrook		1869-1873
Smith/Ptbo		1870-1885
s Brock e George pt 1	1876, 1883	
Spencely, Joseph	1860 May 3-1860 Aug 23	
Dickson's Block over Coulter's Drug Store		
Sproule, George B/ Ptbo		1869-1895
s Sherbrooke w George pt 1	1883	
n Hunter w George pt 2&3	1876	
Hunter, Ptbo	1870-1883	
158 Hunter, Ptbo	1885-1893	
170 Charlotte, Ptbo	1893-1897	
Tait, CM & Co./Millbrook		1899
Terrill, LH/Ptbo		1888
Thompson & Son/Ptbo	unknown	unknown

Name/Address	Known Dates	Possible Dates
Thompson & Sun (sic)/George, Ptbo	unknown	unknown
Thomson, R & Sun (sic) opp Nicholls and Hall on Simcoe, Ptbo	1861, 1865	1862-1918
Thompson, R Simcoe, Ptbo	1864-1872 1865-1918	
n London w George p1, Ptbo	1876	
Thompson, Robert/George, Ptbo	1870	1862-1918
Thompson, Mrs. R./Ptbo		1878
Turner, Leslie A/374 1/2 George St.	1903-1907	
Vincent, VL/174 Charlotte St.Ptbo	1915-1919	
Warne, EV/325 George, Ptbo	1922	
Wich, Joseph M/Millbrook		1892
Whitten, George E/158 Hunter, Ptbo	1897	1897-1907

Old Norwood Boy dies in Montana

Peterborough Examiner, Monday, December 16, 1935

"Governor Frank H. Cooney Dies Suddenly from Heart Ailment

*Great Falls,
Montana Dec. 11 (AP)*

Governor Frank H. Cooney of Montana 62 died in Hospital last night of a heart ailment after having been stricken Saturday night while on route home from Florida.

The Democratic Governor, a native of Norwood, Ontario had suffered from a heart affliction for several years.

Cooney came to Butte in 1891 from Canada with his brother, the late Howard C. Cooney and formed the Cooney brokerage concern. He later moved to Missoula where he engaged in business and farming.

The governor's wife and two of their six children were at the bedside. One son was killed in an automobile accident last year.

Governor Cooney was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cooney formerly of Peterborough and Norwood according to Mrs. W. J. Grady 520 Mark Street a first cousin of the deceased.

Informed of Governor Cooney's death, Mrs. Grady remarked, "Oh dear I just wrote him last night." She said he was last here on a visit about five years ago, and that she believed he had been worrying about the severe earthquakes experienced in Helena, Montana.

During their experience in Peterborough, Gov. Cooney's parents lived at the end of Gilmour St. and his father was employed by a Mr. Gilmour who owned greenhouses and nursery. Mr. Cooney Sr. who lived to the ripe old age of 86 years was a well known figure in Peterborough in the sixties and seventies, at which time he had a Bakery and confectionery store on George St. and prior to that his brother in law Martin Jordan was engaged in lumbering in the Northern Townships.

The Late Gov. Cooney's mother who will also be remembered by many of the residents of the city taught at the first Separate School established in Peterborough. Her maiden name was Mary Ann O'Callighan. From Peterborough the family moved to Norwood where the late Gov. Cooney was born, and afterwards they lived at Arnprior and Dumfries before settling in Montana around 1895.

The late Percival J. Cooney brother of Gov. Cooney and recognized as an outstanding author, lecturer and teacher was the eldest of the family. He was native of Peterborough.

Gov. Cooney was predeceased by his brother Percival, Howard, and Byron and is survived by a sister, Mrs. Eric Ellenhausen of New York City."

Kelly Clan Association Newsletter

The Clan is calling for news from groups, societies and individuals here in Canada for inclusion in their worldwide publication.

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**Family Bibles
discovered
for Ferguson,
Mulligan, Eakins
and Richardson
families**

A Descendant of early Cavan Township settlers, Scott Ferguson of Toronto discovered a long lost treasure in the form of a dusty box. Inside were massive books with ornate illustrations and embossed covers dating back to 1790. New emigrants when arriving to the new world brought little with them except their most valued treasure, the family bible.

"When I read the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society's newsletter last year reporting that Brenda Harenga and Cliff Larmer donated some bibles containing references to my family, I almost stopped breathing," Scott enthused. How these heirlooms survived 200 years is astonishing."

Mr. Ferguson is the Family's historian and genealogist. He contacted the president of the Millbrook-Cavan Historical Society, Scott Papp, by e-mail and made arrangements to visit Millbrook and view the Bibles.

"He ever so tenderly lifted one of the bibles out of the box: his face was glowing," said Ken Greenberg, past-president of the Historical Society. "I really thought he might faint from joy and made him sit down. He handled the oldest book like a new father with his first born."

The Society is the current owner of the bibles and is obliged to keep and maintain all donated artifacts. However a compromise was reached where Mr. Ferguson could have possession of the bibles with the pledge that he keep them in the best condition possible but that the society would retain ownership.

Since then Mr. Ferguson has sent the transcripts of all the genealogical information written inside. Some of the names include:

FERGUSON, EAKINS, MULLIGAN AND RICHARDSON

Mr. Ferguson notes that there is a large amount of information concerning the Mulligan family.

In his thank you letter Mr. Ferguson writes: "Were it not for the Historical Society such irreplaceable treasures would be discarded and lost forever."

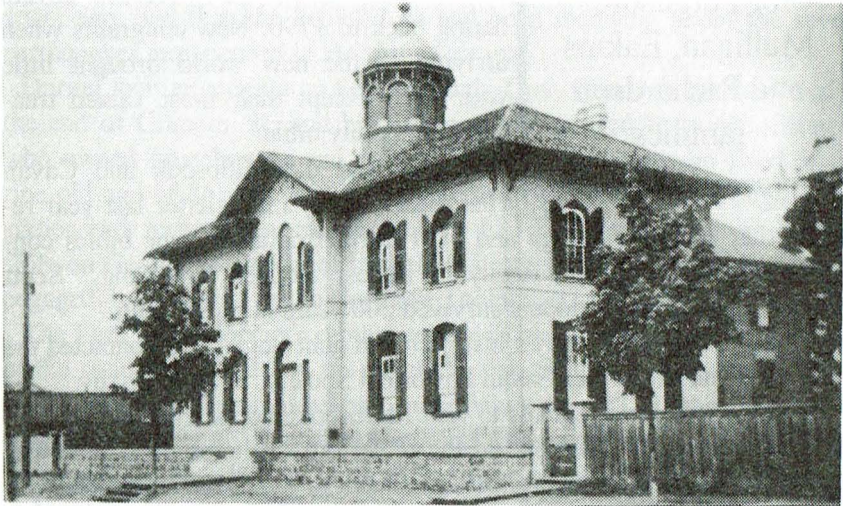
"It was a thrilling, almost spiritual experience for Mr. Ferguson," declares Ken Greenberg. "It validates the work of the Society and I am glad to have played a small role in placing the bibles where they truly belong."

Anyone interested in obtaining copies of these summaries should contact the society at: MCHS Box 334, Millbrook, ON L0A 1G0

History Profile:

Murray Street Separate School

By Stephen Gavard



courtesy, PCMA

A new separate school was erected on Murray Street in 1865/66 on the site of what is now the Peterborough Armouries. The building represented the growing number of Catholics moving into the Peterborough area as well as the need for a central location. The land was fortunately already owned by the Catholic Diocese. The land was a former cemetery closed after 1851 when Little Lake Cemetery was built. The City of Peterborough moved many of the marked graves to the new St. Peter's Cemetery sometime around 1860 while many unmarked graves were discovered in later building

excavations. "The original Murray St. Separate school was erected about 1865 during the time of Father Lynch. At that time the red brick portion which formed the rear part of the school was built. Along about 1875 there was a large addition made of white brick built in front of the existing building." The contractors for the building were Angus McPherson and Robert Pope.

The new addition faced Murray Street with a livery shed on the west edge of the property. By the end of the nineteenth century the City was growing and the demographics were changing. With

plans to build a still larger building the School board leased the Menzie school and closed the Murray Street School sometime between 1899 and 1905. The property was sold to "His Majesty King Edward VII for \$10,000," for the building of a new armouries.

The plan was to demolish the building with workers hired by the separate school board and the materials salvaged be used by the school board for other projects.

A controversy erupted when Captain Eastwood, Quartermaster of the 57th Regiment, was accused of stealing material from the School site. In his reply printed in the Daily Evening Review on May 16, 1906 he stated that he was given the keys to the building. Being impatient with the progress of demolition he stated that "Our armoury has already been delayed too long and as quartermaster of the regiment I spoke to Mr. Hall (solicitor for the Town of Peterborough), about the matter and the presence of the separate school building interfering with the location. The authorities at Ottawa could not go ahead until the site was clear of all obstructions...I gave the orders to go ahead with the dismantling of the building."



looking North-East

courtesy, PCMA

On May 17, it was decided by the separate school board to tender the tearing down of what remained of the building by June 15, 1906. It was concluded that it would be of greater benefit for the school board to have the work done by a contractor paying for the material salvaged instead of demolishing the building and the board retain any material not damaged in the demolition. Thus the regiment got its new Armouries and the Public School board bought the other half of the property the following year and built Peterborough Collegiate Institute.

Editor's note:

It was recently announced by the Federal Government that the Peterborough Armouries will be condemned as unsafe and the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment will be moved out by this summer. There are no announced plans to demolish the building; but then there are no immediate plans, (or funds) for its renovation.

Peterborough Daily Evening Review, 9 August 1883

BLYTHE MILLS

Introduction of New and Improved Machinery for the Manufacture of Flour

Instead of grumbling about the price of wheat being always too high, and milling being a ruined business, Mr. George Hilliard, M.P., set himself to work to find out how it was that he could not buy and grind wheat and make something out of the operation; as well as some others were evidently doing, inasmuch as no man can or will long continue at a business in which the balance is always on the wrong side.

The investigations thus brought about were not long in convincing Mr Hilliard that the old system of grinding could not compete with the new roller process, which has recently been introduced into Canada, either in the quantity or quality of flour producible from a bushel of wheat. He accordingly determined to have his mill refitted with the latest and most improved machinery for making flour by the roller or gradual reduction process, and to this end entered into a contract with the Consolidated Purifier Company, of Toronto, who have

secured control of all the most recent improvements in the flour line, for the refitting of his mill, and this contract has just been completed, and the new system put into operation by that company.

As a result of this change three of the four run of stones recently contained in the Blythe Mill (the fourth being retained for chopping purposes only) have been discarded, and in their stead there has been introduced six sets of brakes, three purifiers, a bran roll, and a germ roll, which gives a capacity of one hundred barrels per twenty-four hours. As most of readers, no doubt, are aware the great difference which exists between the old and new processes is that while by the former the grinding is all done at one, or at most at two operations, by the latter it is accomplished only after from four to five separate grindings. While any attempt at a detailed description of all the operations involved and machinery required in this process, from the time the wheat leaves the bin until it is ready for market, would be tedious to the general reader, yet we think a brief description of how the best, or patent flour is obtained will at once be interesting and give the ordinary reader some idea of the new process. The wheat, after being cleaned as formerly, is passed

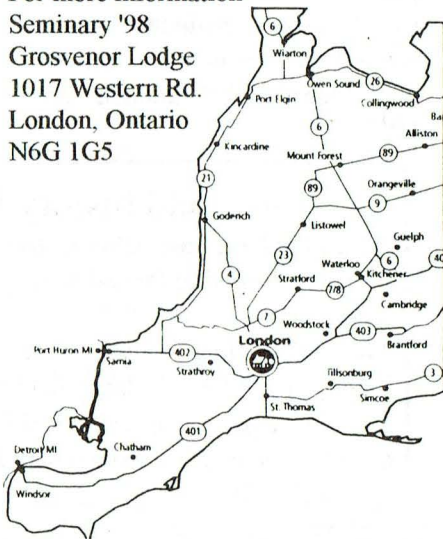
through three successive brakes, or sets of chilled iron rollers, each crushing the grain finer than its predecessor. As the crushed grain or meal leaves each of these brakes it passes over perforated zinc which allows all that has been reduced to a certain stage of fineness to pass through and be conveyed in a real covered with fine bolting cloth. In this way there is gradually separated from the whole product of the wheat the best part of it, with the least possible quantity of bran, before it enters the real we have just mentioned, and in passing through which there is separated that portion which has been over-ground or killed. From this real the meal is passed through a purifier, from whence it passes through a brake with stone rollers and in which it receives its final grinding, and passes to the bolts, where it is bolted as in the old process, and the "Patent" flour is ready for the market. From this brief statement of the *modus operandi* any one in any measure familiar with flouring operations will at once see that the patent article can hardly fail to be the very best that the wheat can produce, owing to the system of "creaming" which has been adopted in its production. But were we to stop here many might be disposed to think that the improved quality had been



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obtained at a too great sacrifice of quantity. In this, however, they would be mistaken. Of course the bran, or rather meal, which has not fallen through the perforated zinc over which it has passed after leaving the first three brakes still contains a good deal of flour. This, however, is conveyed from the last brake to the "bran roll." which separates the pure bran (and those who buy it for feed will think it pure enough) from the rest which is then passed through a purifier, and a stone roller brake, then through a set of bolts which extract therefrom a second quality of flour. And when all this has been judiciously done it is needless to say that the "remainder" does not contain much which, by itself, will make four footed animals grow fat.

Besides the improvements directly required in connection with the manufacture of patent flour Mr Hilliard has introduced two new packers which are easily adjusted to the packing of anything from a barrel down to a twenty-five pound paper sack.

As the more wheat ground at home the better for all of us, we trust Mr Hilliard will not only have no reason to ever regret the large outlay which these improvements have necessarily involved, but that they will prove as profitable to himself as their success will undoubtedly prove beneficial to farmers marketing their wheat in Peterborough.

*Courtesy of Elwood Jones,
Professor of History at Trent
University.*

Lakefield history features in new book

A new book on Lakefield's history focuses more on people and their lives as opposed to factual history, says the coordinating editor Gordon Young.

The book's title *Mizhiyaakwa-Tibelh, Lakefield, A Look At Its Legacy* is Ojibwa for large field by the lake, says Young.

"The village hall burned in 1918 and we lost a lot of records so we decided to stay away from a history approach and go with a heritage approach." About 300 pages in length, the book was a two-year project by Lakefield Heritage, says Young. It is expected to be released July 1. The book costs \$35 with an additional \$6 charge for shipping. For more information contact Heritage Book Fund, P.O. Box 795, Lakefield, Ontario, K0L 2H0

PCMA, Historical Society of
Peterborough papers

Review, 5 February 1897

**MONTHLY MEETING
// HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
MR. GEO. DUNSFORD
READS AN
INTERESTING PAPER
ON / "CANOES"**

**He Exhibits a Beautifully
Modelled Canoe Built in 1846
- Historical Loan Exhibition**

The Peterborough Town and County Historical Society held a very interesting monthly meeting last evening in the County Council Chamber, the attendance being fair. Much interest was taken in the excellent paper by Mr. Geo. Dunsford.

The names of nine persons were proposed as members and elected.

It was proposed to hold a historical loan exhibition in Inverlea house as soon as could be arranged.

A committee of seven was appointed to wait on the Town Council and request them to extend an invitation to the Archaeological Association to visit Peterborough and inspect the recent discoveries on Rice Lake.

Mr Geo. Dunsford then read a paper on "Canoes," having at his side

a canoe built by himself in 1846. It is a fine model and is 20 feet long. Mr Dunsford's paper was as follows:
PETERBOROUGH, Ont.

For the first five years of my Canadian life commencing in May, 1839, I resided at my father's place called "The Beehive" on the shores of Sturgeon lake in the township of Verulam, and having a mechanical turn of mind I often tried my hand at building punts and other kind of craft, there being at that time nothing available but boats and birch bark canoes for use on these waters, except perhaps that now and again one might see the common pine log canoe and as both these kinds of canoes appeared to me, and in fact were, much too heavy and clumsy for one person to manage against the winds of that lake which was then, one might say, our only highway. So after much consideration I determined to try my hand and build a canoe similar in shape to the birch bark and out of very thin boards, and in the year 1845, having the previous year left the Beehive to reside in Peterborough, I returned for my summer holidays and set to work and built a canoe out of thin pine boards which when finished weighed only forty pounds, and appeared to me so light that I frequently carried it on my shoulders between Chemong lake and Peterborough.

Now this was the first canoe of the kind that I had ever seen or heard of, and I found it a most perfect little conveyance, and answered all my expectations, and I used it both in

Peterborough and the back lake waters until the end of the open season of 1849, and when I removed from Lindsay to Peterborough in the month of November of that year (having previously gone to Lindsay to practice law) I left my nice little canoe with Wm McDonnell, Esq., who promised to take care of it till I required it again. This he did until the summer of 1860 or 1861 - (I forgot which) - when it was consumed in that dreadful fire which destroyed the greater part of the town of Lindsay. Whilst I was building this canoe my elder brother James, who was much interested in my work, thought he could improve upon my ideas and work and make one larger and of still lighter wood, viz., of cedar. Now this was not such an easy matter to accomplish as one would think, as we were obliged to cross the lake and inspect one or two cedar swamps to find a suitable tree which could be cut up into good sound boards, free from knots. After much searching, however, we discovered a nice tall and straight grained tree, which my brother afterwards cut down and took to Bobcaygeon, a distance of three or four miles, where it was sawn into half inch boards, brought back to the Beehive and carefully piled in his workshop to dry ready for operation the following summer, 1846. The canoe that you now see before you is the

result of his labors and which when finished he was not a little proud of and while he lived took the greatest care of. After his death in 1882, Mrs Dunsford lent his canoe to M. M. Boyd, of Bobcaygeon, who had it in his possession till last year when he returned it to her. I, knowing the canoe and its history and having always a great wish to become its owner, purchased it from her about two months ago.

As to how this kind of canoe came to be called the "Peterborough Canoe" was on account of my brother Hartley making several of them while living in Ashburnham and about the same time, that is say from 1846 to 1850, some of which he disposed of to sporting young gentlemen of Rice lake and Cobourg. But the demand for these canoes became so great that my brother, not being able or willing to make a business of manufacturing them, persuaded some of the young mechanics of the village to try their hands at it, which they accordingly did and, as they say and think, improved upon them. If, however, they

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claim the idea of changing the build of the canoes from the clinker or clapboard make to the smooth bottom I beg to say that I cannot altogether admit this as a fact as we used to discuss this mode of make prior to the venture of these later mechanics.

GEO. DUNSFORD,

Examiner, 5 Feb 1897

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY /
REGULAR MEETING.
THE GENESIS OF THE
"BOARD" CANOE**

Mr Geo. Dunsford's Interesting Paper on the Subject - A Chat About Canoes - The Date of the Annual Meeting and the Invitation of the "Archaeological Section" Discussed.

The chairman announced that the audience saw in the chamber a canoe that signalized the building of the first board canoe. The canoe on exhibition was a sort of naval hybrid, a cross between the clinker built boat and the canoe. It had all the lines of a canoe and all the lightness of that class of craft. It had cedar ribs, fastened to longitudinal strips by copper nails. Though about 21 feet in length it weighs so lightly that a man can easily carry it. The craft was the centre of a great deal of interested inspection by members of the society, as well as several practical canoe builders who were present.

The following is the paper read by Mr. Geo. Dunsford, in reference to the building of

THE FIRST BOARD CANOE,

which is doubtless the pioneer of the canoe business, that has made Peterborough's name famous throughout the world for the building of the best canoes that float:

[verbatim copy of Dunsford's paper]

ABOUT CANOES

At the conclusion of Mr. Dunsford's paper an interesting informal discussion followed in which it came out that the first board canoe that was built by Mr. Dunsford was between 12 and 15 feet in length with narrow beam and rather "tottleish." The boards were thinned by hand and soaked in water to make them pliable. The idea was borrowed from the birch bark canoe.

It also came out that log canoes and dug-outs were made sometimes very light for racing.

The chairman, to account for the first dug-out, said he had learned that the late James Edwards, who came as school master to Chemong with the late Rev. John Gilmour, under the auspices of the New England Mission, constructed the first dug-out made in this district, about 1838.

Mr. H.C. Strickland said that his father build canoes of this kind as early as 1829 in Lakefield. They were used to take the grist to Young's Point, and he on one occasion went as supercargo at the age of four years. His brother George built the first basswood dug-out in about '49 or so - some of them were made as light as [...] built canoe.

1st Feb, 1897.

Dear Son,

Your pa has a new job; the first in 48 years. We are a little better off now, \$17.96 every Thursday. So we up & thought we'd do a little fixin' up. We sent to Rosemont and Searbuck for one of them there bath rooms you hear so much about and it took a plumber to put it in shape. On one side of the room is a great big long thing. Something like the pigs drink out of, only you get in it and wash all over. Over on the other side is a little white thing called a sink, this is for light washing like face and hands, but over in the other corner we really got something. There you can put one foot in, wash it clean, pull a chain and get fresh water for the other foot. Two lids came with the darn thing and we ain't had any use for them in the bathroom, so I'm using one for a bread board and the other one we framed grandmother's picture in.

They were awful nice people to deal with and they sent us a roll of writing paper with it.

Take care of yourself son.

Your Maw

Anonymous

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ALLEN

Allen family from Mevagissey, Cornwall, England. Wesleyan Methodists. Seeking descendants of: Eleanor Bryant Allen, b. ca. 1844, Ernestine Allen, b. ca. 1845, Eliz. M. Allen, b. ca. 1846, Mary Allen, b. Pet. 1856. Who did the girls marry? Also Edmund R. Allen, m. Dallila. Ch. Aida, b. 1870; Wm. Harris, b. 1881; Jane Harris, b. 1882, maybe more.

Dr. Wm. Arthur Allen, m. Sarah Estelle Green. Son Arthur Victor, b. 1881. Dr. Wm. Allen died age 29. What happened to Sarah Estelle and the baby? Are there other Cornish immigrants descendants in Peterborough? I'm happy to tell them about their Cornish heritage.

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BEAVIS/HATTON

Searching for the papers and correspondence of David George Hatton, Solicitor, Town of Peterborough, ca. 1870's to 1880's, pertaining to John

Beavis. May have come into the possession of his son George Walford Hatton, Solicitor.
 Sherilyn Bell
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 Toronto, ON
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DRISCOLL

Seeking any information on William D. Driscoll, b. December 14, 1825 in Peterborough and any members of his family. Parents are possibly Mike, b. ca. 1780, and Honora "Norry" Driscoll, b. ca. 1797, who emigrated from Ireland in October, 1825 on the ship Brunswick as part of the Peter Robinson Emigration. I believe William's siblings were Patrick, Denis, Ellen and Lawrence. Mike's brothers were Cornelius and Denis. Mike was settled in Lot 12, con. 6 Ennismore Twp. William emigrated to Illinois, then Missouri.

Charles E. Driscoll, M.D.
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 Iowa City, Iowa
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HUMPHREY

John Humphrey, 1813-1885, b. Ireland, m. Sarah Spence. Sarah buried in Norwood, Peterborough County according to family story. However have not been able to find date or place of Sarah's death. John moved to Little York and later to Wiarnton in Bruce County. Their son, Thomas 1842-1912 married Ellen Elliott 1848-1915 and settled in Arran

township, Burce County, Ontario. Any info appreciated.
 Shirley Hunt
 Box 442,
 Tara, ON
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IRWIN

Robert and Susan Crawford. Robert was b. ca. 1816 and Susan ca. 1811 in Ireland. They were married in 1837 at St. Peter's Church in Cobourg. I would like to know about when they came to Canada. Susan, a widow, died in 1882 in Peterborough. I have not been able to locate their places of burial or when Robert died. Their son, Thomas, was my grandfather and he was b. in Campbellford in 1849. I would appreciate any and all information on them.
 Margaret Adams Breers
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 95453

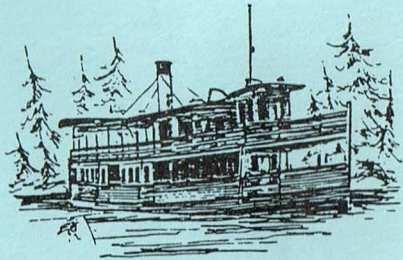
PARKIN/LOFTON/MORGAN

Ann Eliza Parkin, b. East Yorkshire, 1871, is said to have died at Peterborough on March 18, 1924, as wife of one Morgan, name unknown. Miss Parkin first married in 1901 to Albert Lofton in Ohio. He died in a steamboat explosion on the Mississippi in 1916. I have here complete ancestry and desire contact with descendants or connected lines.
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