

## Discovering Harper Park: A walkabout in Peterborough's urban green space

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*Archaeologist Pat Dibb takes a look at an old stone wall found in Harper Park during a walkabout of the urban greenspace in June. (DIRK VERHULST/SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER)*

Imagine it large enough for endless adventures in nature, yet small enough to be safely protected. Let's say about 150 acres.

While we're imagining such a special place, let's include a remarkable diversity of natural habitats: forests, meadows, marshes and a stream that runs through it. Let it be home to dozens of bird species, including some that have been identified 'at risk,' like the Eastern Wood Peewee and Barn Swallow. Let's include mammals such as Beavers, Muskrats, Deer, Raccoons, Porcupines and even a Long-tailed Weasel. And let's not forget plants- lots of them- say over 200 different identified species.

It should also have a unique feature. How about what a 1997 report described as "the only cold water brook trout stream that runs through a municipal area in Ontario?"

And every park should have a story to tell. This one will include the history of the native people who first traveled through it and may have left the remains of their passing along the banks of the stream. Add to that the records of the pioneers who subsequently settled in the area and farmed the land.

At this point you may be wondering about the location of such a park. You might be thinking Algonquin Park or some another protected area in the pristine wilderness of northern Ontario. But you would be wrong.

This place is nearby. You don't have to imagine it. It's called Harper Park and is located in what, according to the website of the Harper Park Stewardship Initiative has been "recognized as the most ecologically important natural area in the city of Peterborough."

What is amazing is that so few people know about it.

Two of the people who know it very well, however, are Kim and Mark Zippel, the founders of the Harper Park Stewardship Initiative. Over the last several years Kim, Mark and a number of dedicated volunteers have worked hard to clean up the park and restore it to its original condition.

Last month, at the meeting of Peterborough's Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee, Kim gave a report on the group's efforts so far. She referred to the 'bioblitz' conducted by local naturalists,

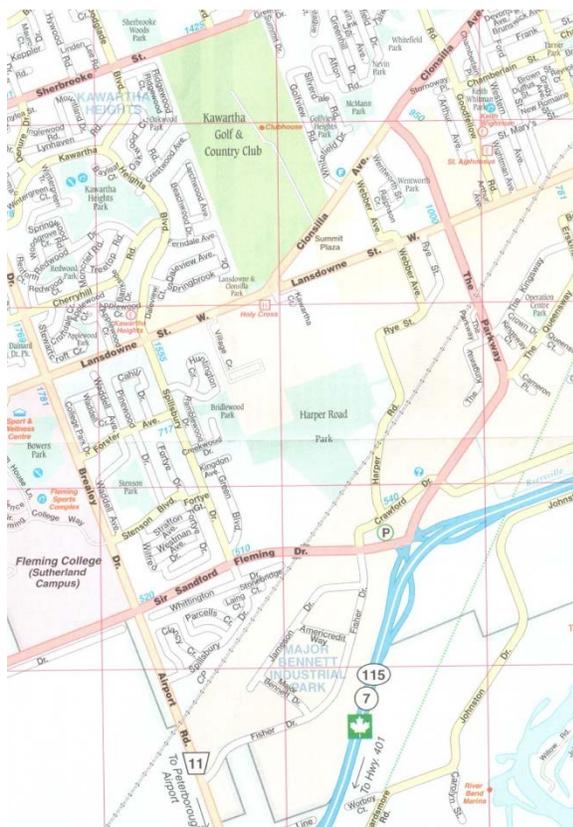
including Drew Monkman, the environmentalist and nature writer, and Mike McMurtry, an ecologist with the Natural Heritage Information Centre, in 2013. During the 'blitz,' members of the group prepared an inventory of the park's plant and animal species.

They were amazed by the diversity of the habitat and urged that steps be taken to protect it. Kim also spoke about the need to tell the historical and archaeological stories of the park. Dennis Carter-Edwards, past chair of the Peterborough Historical Society and present chair of Peterborough's Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee, expressed interest in helping to research the history of the area. I, as a representative of the Peterborough Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society, offered to consult with our members about investigating areas of archaeological interest inside the park.

On June 7 we arranged a walkabout with Kim, Pat and Gord Dibb, owners of York North Archaeological Services; Morgan Tamplin, retired Trent University archaeologist; and I, participated in the trip.

Unlike more traditional municipal parks there is no entrance gate, no parking lot, no sign to tell you that you have entered a park. There are no walking paths, so we followed an ATV track into the woods where we came upon the remains of a thoroughly rusted truck. Its age was evident from the wooden bumpers.

Kim then led us to the remnants of the foundation of an old farmhouse. She pointed to two large old spruce trees that once marked the front entrance. Stacked fieldstones were all that remained of the original foundation. The wooden timbers had been carted away or burned long ago. In the middle was an old stove.



Pat, Gord, and Morgan suggested that the area around the old foundation might be the most promising area for archaeological investigation. They pointed, however, to the challenge of sinking test pits through the dense undergrowth and tangled roots.

Pat had brought along several survey and geological maps of the area. She reminded us that land within 300 meters of a both sides of a waterway is usually considered to be of potential archaeological interest.

A more likely candidate for archaeological investigation would begin with a search of the historical record. I had asked Kim about the source of a reference she had previously made to the existence of a mill in the area. She told us that she had come across mention of a local mill in the township history published by the North Monaghan Historical Research Committee in 1990. It stated that in the early 1800s "as farms were cleared there was greater need for both grist and saw mills. At least three mills were built in Monaghan, on Jackson Park Creek, Harper Road, and further south at Lockie's farm Lot 1 Concession 8."

This item raises some interesting possibilities, both for historical research and for archaeological investigation.

Elwood Jones, retired Trent professor and local historian, published a two-part series of articles in *The Examiner* (July 21 and Aug. 6 2013) about the Harper family, the original owners of the property. Referring to the agricultural census for 1861, Jones was able to determine what crops were grown on the property and the value of the property. In 1861 Robert Harper's 230 acre farm was

valued at \$9,200. A large portion of the farm consisted of woods and wild areas. The rest consisted of 45 acres of cultivated land, 10 acres of pasture and one acre of orchard. Jones concluded that "while the park is still largely a secret to most Peterborough residents, partly because of poor signage, and little access to major roads. Still, it will be a cherished asset eventually."

Thanks to Kim Zippel and the other members of the Harper Park Stewardship Initiative, that time has come. There is no need to "imagine" such a park any longer. It is a very real treasure " and it is located right next door.

## Pathway of Fame

The new inductees of the Peterborough and Area Pathway of Fame will be inducted on Saturday, September 10, beginning at 10, at Showplace in downtown Peterborough. The *Footprints of Life* for 2016 is now available at the Trent Valley Archives, and is free. We congratulate all those being honoured in this 19<sup>th</sup> year of the Pathway.

Samuel Strickland, who first settled in Peterborough in 1826 in what is now Nicholls Oval, is known as the founder of Lakefield, and the author of the impressive *Twenty-Seven Years in Canada West* (1853)

Sylvia Sutherland, Mike Towns and Paul Wilson are being honoured for cultural betterment. Sylvia Sutherland was mayor of Peterborough, 1986-1991, and 1998-2006 among other achievements. Mike Towns has written two books about the people of Douro and area, and was long-time owner of P.G. Towns General Store. Paul Wilson was the first athletic director at Trent University, and served several years on the City Council.

Kim Blackwell, of Fourth Line Theatre, and Dan Fewings, a high school music teacher, and featured Tuesday artist at the Red Dog in the 1990s.

Under Entertainment / Musical, the Pathway is inducting Justin and Mark Hiscox, who have been great leaders of the New Horizons Band. Serena Ryder has become a world-famous singer, but here roots are in Millbrook and at PCVS.

This year's Community Samaritans are Erica Cherney and Dr. Jim and Anne McCallum. Gene Canning, the talented artist and promoter of art, is being recognized in the Visual Arts category.

The ceremony is free and everyone is welcome. Judging from past experience this is a great opportunity to meet some outstanding people. The Ceremony will be broadcast on Cogeco several times in the following weeks for those who miss the ceremony. A reception follows.

The archives of the Pathway of Fame are maintained at Trent Valley Archives. Several of our members have been honoured in the past. The Pathway of Fame is located in Del Cray Park, and it is quite fascinating to walk along and read the individual stones to over 230 people who have been honoured. Some names, as with Samuel Strickland, are drawn from history. Some of our great writers are there, as well as many musical groups from the past. See you there!

# Hazelbrae Barnardo Home Memorial 1921 1922, and 1923

John Sayers and Ivy Sucee

## 1921

Lilian May	ALLEN	16	Winifred	HAWTHORNE	15
Lily	ALLEN	15	Hilda K	HOLLAMBY	16
Hilda Pearl	BANKS	12	Beatrice	HONE	13
Ivy Melisa	BANKS	4	Clara	HOPLEY	13
Margaret	BATEMAN	11	Elsie May	JAMES	12
Doris	BELL	13	Ethel	JAMES	15
Betsy	BILLINGSKY	16	Mabel E	JENN	17
Ada	BOOTH	15	Beryl Alice	JOHNSON	13
Dorothy E	BRAND	15	Elsie A	JOLLEY	15
Winnifred	BRICE	14	Ruth	JONES	12
Florence M	BROCKIES	12	Olive Matilda	JONES	13
Nellie F	BROWN	13	Winifred	JONES	12
Rose Alice	CADD	13	Jessie I	JORDAN	14
Elizabeth	CHAPMAN	12	Iris	KAY	11
Alice M	CHAPPLE	13	Freda A	KELL	13
Esther	CHIPCHASE	14	Grace L	KITE	16
Violet G	CHURCHARD	14	Elizabeth M	KITE	13
Prudence	CLAYTON	15	Audrey W	KITE	11
Alice	CLEGG	13	Ethel May	LATHAM	13
Marjorie	COOPER	14	Frances S	LAWSON	15
Maud	COTTON	13	Ada	LEE	18
Alice Rose	COUSINS	16	Alice E	LEE	16
May	COX	14	Winifred	LEGGETT	13
Olive B	CULPIN	10	Lily	LEGGETT	8
Ethel	CULVER	16	Violet R	LILLEY	14
Annie C	CURTIS	11	Annie	LOCK	16
Florence	CURTIS	14	Maud	LOCK	14
Dorothy	DAVIES	15	Lily	LOCK	14
Hannah	DAVISON	17	Jemima	LONGRIDGE	16
Constance	DAVY	10	Ivy	MAKIN	13
Christina	DEAR	16	Phyllis	MARSH	13
Dorothy	DENDY	12	Lilian	MASON	12
Mary E	DENYER	11	May	McNERNEY	14
Annie	DIXON	11	Diana Mary	MEACHAM	13
Florence	DOOLEY	16	Doris Evelyn	MEAD	11
Fanny	EAGLE	14	Mary C	MEECH	10
Lillian V	EDWARDS	11	Lily Maud	MILLER	12
Edith	EURIDGE	13	Nora	MILLERICK	11
Lucy	FLYNN	13	Ruth	MILLERICK	11
Lilian M	FOOKES	15	Patricia	MYERS	13
Minnie	FOX	13	Mary	NOBLE	15
Florence	FREEMAN	16	Norah	PAGE	11
Kate	FREEMAN	14	May	PARKIN	11
Annie E	FROHOCK	13	Ena	PARSONS	14
Maud E	FROHOCK	15	Gladys W	PERCY	11
Annie E	GEVAUX	15	Grace	POWELL	14
Amy S	GILBERT	13	Ella	POWLEY	15
Elizabeth	GIMBER	13	Dorothy	PREEN	13
Emma	GIMBER	11	Rose H	PUDDICK	16
Alice R	GRAHAM	12	Elsie	RICHARDS	12
Nellie	GREEN	15	Mary	ROBERTS	13
Hannah	GREGORY	14	Margery Elsie	ROSE	14
Rose	GRIFFITHS	15	Ivy Edith	ROWE	13
Nora E	HALE	15	Doris M	RUSSELL	13
Edith M	HALFORD	14	Ivy	SACKETT	13
Doris	HARDING	14	Violet	SALISBURY	13

Eva Eugenie	SANSOM	16	Gladys	CRAWSHAW	11
Daisy	SCOTT	15	Ethel May	CUTTS	15
Emily R	SCOTT	17	Florence	DARBON	15
Lily	SHALE	9	Emma	DEEMING	15
Gladys	SHARP	10	Norah	EDWARDS	12
Margaret J	SHARPE	15	Aline	EDWARDS	10
Emily	SHEPHERD	10	Beatrice Victoria	ELLIOTT	13
Vera M	SKEELS	11	Louisa Minnie	FOSTER	12
Amy	SMITH	15	Elsie	FOX	14
Nellie	SMITH	13	Lilian	GRANT	13
Dorothy M	SMITH	12	Mary	GREAVES	14
May Constance	SMITH	14	Bessie	HATTON	13
Winnifred	SMITH	13	Sheila Murray	HENRY	15
Esmeralda	SMITH	14	Violet Rose	HEYWARD	16
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Lily	SPORLE	14	Amy	HUGHES	15
Maude Alice	ST. GEORGE	15	Lily	JEANES	15
Lilian	STUCKEY	16	Elizabeth	JOHNSON	15
Lily	SUFFOLK	14	Gladys Elsie	JONES	15
Ethel	SWINBOURNE	12	Freda	KEEFE	11
Rose E	SWINBOURNE	15	Winifred May	LANE	12
Ivy	THOMPSON	11	Ethel	LEWIS	12
May	THOMPSON	12	Florence	LEWIS	12
Rachel	TIMMS	10	Beatrice	MOORE	10
Violet May	TOMS	11	Margaret Ellen	NEWTON	13
Margaret	TOWNSEND	15	Louisa Eileen	OWENS	15
Cora	TREVENA	14	Dorothy Mary	PAYNE	15
Emily	TRIMMER	13	Annie Elizabeth	RIDDELL	11
Catherine	TROWBRIDGE	12	Dorothy Maud	ROFFEY	17
Mary	TROWBRIDGE	10	Edith	ROFFEY	12
Lilian M	TURNER	14	Amy	ROOST	15
Doris	TWINING	13	Gladys	ROOST	11
Bessie	VARNDELL	12	Ivy Gwendoline	SANDFORD	11
Daisy	VINE	16	Alice	SCOTNEY	12
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Gladys	WALKER	13	Beatrice	SMEE	13
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Lily	WOOD	14	Gladys	BARNES	13
Winifred	WRAY	13	Ada G	BARRINGTON	12
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Margaret	AYRES	13	Laura E. R.	BISHOP	11
Emily	AYRES	11	Emma E	BOSSONS	13
Elizabeth Jane	BRADLEY	12	Dora	BOWMAN	15
Daisy Laura	BROMLEY	11	Ruby D.	BRAY	16
Bessie	BURFORD	15	Mona A	BROOKES	13
Gladys	BYWATER	13	Winifred	BRUCE	15
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Mary Elizabeth	CARR	10	Ellen	BURTON	13
Jessie	CARSLAKE	14	Gladys M.	CADD	13
Gertrude	COX	16	Mary E.	CARLINE	12
			Queenie	CHARD	11
			Dorothy	CHINNOCK	13

Florence May	CLARK	13	Cecile L	MARTIN	18
Agnes	CLARKE	14	Kate	MARTIN	13
Dorothy	COBB	13	Margaret A.	MASON	11
Nellie	COLE	13	Freda	MEREDITH	11
Lily	COLEMAN	16	Florence M. K.	MITCHELL	14
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Phoebe	FROST	15	Florence	QUANTRELL	12
Sybil M.	GEARY	12	Lily	RELF	15
Margaret G	GORDON	11	Annie H.	REYNOLDS	11
Rosina	GROSE	13	Queenie	RICHARDSON	18
Violet	HAGGER	14	Ruby P. V.	ROBUS	12
Elsie	HAINES	16	Edith E.	RODGERS	14
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Mary	HANKINSON	16	Violet	SCOTT	11
Kathleen	HANKINSON	11	Doris I.	SEYMOUR	14
Edith K.	HANN	14	Jane	SHARP	11
Violet W	HARDWICK	11	Dorothy	SHEPHEARD	14
Beatrice E	HARLING	18	Daisy L.	SPELLER	14
Frances M.	HARRIS	11	Elizabeth	STEARN	11
Florence M.	HARVEY	15	Louisa Frances	STEMP	15
Margery	HATFIELD	11	Doreen	STEVENS	14
Lottie	HEALD	13	Gertrude A.	STIFF	13
Jessie E	HILLS	13	Kathleen	STREETER	14
Amy E	HOLLAMBY	13	Maud	SYMONS	16
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## Thomas Ward fonds #584

*Trent Valley Archives Fonds 584 is a little unusual, but will be of interest to our members. Here is the listing of the files, followed by the archivist's commentary.*

### List of files

1 Letter, District Clerk's Office, Cobourg, 2 August 1847, Morgan Jillett, District Clerk to Thomas Ward, Clerk of the Peace, Port Hope

Q Herewith I send you (the first of several others that will follow) the names of parties residing in a certain School Section in Darlington to be assessed for the building of a School House. From the copy of B. L. of the D. Council which I send you, you are required to add an additional line on the several Assesst. Rolls, and insert therein the amt. that each person is reqd. to pay – the one constant requires an Asst. of L35-6-8 and in making your calculation I would recommend you in all cases not to hesitate in making the total, a trifle over the amount to meet contingencies & in order to arrive at sound even and easy calculation – I shall send you the others for a similar purpose whenever I receive them.

Yours truly, Morgan Jillett, Dist. Clerk  
P. S. The Bylaws &c of the last Session are not yet printed, whenever they are ready I will send you a copy. M. J.

2 John Reinie, ... Clerk, P.O. Seymour East 3<sup>rd</sup> North 43 to Thomas Ward, Clerk of the Peace, Port Hope, 3 November 1843

3 Circular, Dominic Daly, Secretary's Office, Montreal 12 January 1847, to Clerk of the Peace of the Newcastle District, Port Hope

4 ALS, S. Bouthillier, Crown Lands Department, Montreal, October 15<sup>th</sup> '45 to the Registrar of the County of Durham, requesting information about whether land has been transferred from Cartwright, lot 18, concession 2, "granted by patent to Jacob Mills."  
5 Record of the Minutes of the inhabitants and householders of the Township of Douro, January 4<sup>th</sup> 1841, sent to Thomas Ward, Esq. Port Hope.

Q Walter Crafford Esqr Chairman [Crawford]

S. D. Gibbs, Samuel Dickson, Town Wardens

Michael Torpy, Assessor

James Cain, Collector

Fence viewers Daniel Moloney  
John Carnegie  
Patrick Leahey  
Michael Mahoney  
Watts Tighe  
Michael Sullivan

Pound Keepers John Condon  
John Leahey  
William Erskin  
Patrick Bourk  
Xxx Swenton

George Carlow Path Master  
Robert Bannan 1—2<sup>nd</sup>  
Henry Craveth on 3<sup>rd</sup> line  
John Newall on 6 line

Michael Hogan 4" 3 line  
Dennis Lahey 5-6  
Michael Kenedy 2-3  
Robert Walsh 4-7  
James Moher 2 – 6  
David Leahey 7 – 8  
Christopher Cooch on the Dumur Road  
John Allen 6 – 7  
James Love 7 – 3  
Timothy Sullivan 3 – 4  
Edmond Allen 6 – 7  
Michael O'Brien 2 – 3  
Timothy Leahey on the Dumer Road  
George McDugle from the Finger Pass to Cuningham  
John Reid from Cunn.,ham to Mr. Caffords  
Samuel Strickland Esq from Craffords Creek to Mr. Wolsleas Corner  
James Jury from Mr Wolsleas to Colonel Caddies  
William Edwards from Cor ne Caidies to the Dumur Line ---  
John Torpy on the Dumur road  
Charles Crowley on Do.  
Rodger Moloney on 8 line  
Pat McCarthy on 6 line  
Patt Sheehan on 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Maurice O'Brien on 4 Con  
Breacy Cattle to Carry a Lawful tie and Bell the Bull to be heard one mile distance  
Hogs not allowed to him  
From the 1 of April to the First of December  
No horses allowed to At Large.

Michael Walsh, Township Clerk  
Dated in Douro in the Year of our Lord 1841.

- 6 Circular, 21 April 1840, James Hopkirk to the Clerk of the Peace, Newcastle District  
7 Timothy Sloan, Dummer Township Clerk, to Thomas Ward, 5 June 1837  
8 David Smart, Port Hope to Thomas Ward, Esq., 2 March 1829  
9 Letter, B. Reid to Thomas Ward, 29 April 1835  
10 Receipts for sureties, 26 January and 22 March 1828, witnessed by Thomas A. Stewart  
11 List of marriages solemnized by Rev. Wm. Price in the Newcastle District during the twelve months ending December 28, 1847, Oshawa, 28 December 1847  
William Sully and Susan Gin, Darlington, 30 December 1846  
Joseph Harvey and Margaret McReich, Darlington, 3 Nov 1847  
John Moore and Elizabeth Wickett, Darlington, 2 Nov 1847  
12 George Arundel Hill, Dummer, to Thomas Ward, Port Hope, 14 July ---, writing at request of Peter Ferguson on paying assessments.  
13 Circular, D. Cameron, Secretary's Office, 1 December 1837, to the Judge of the Surrogate Court  
14 Robert P. Madge, oath sworn before John Hall, 16 January 1836  
15 Circular, Montreal, 20 June 1845, from James Hopkirk, Secretary's office, Montreal with response

- 16 Return of proceedings of Township Meeting Seymour  
1843, 2 January 1843

**Commentary:**

It has often been observed that philatelists specializing in postage history place considerable value on letters in which the writing paper also doubled as the envelope. It was then possible to trace the places where the letter stopped for postal reasons. However, it has been less understood that the same letters could be valuable to archives.

This was understood as early as the 1960s, as I remember working on a philatelic collection linked with a Mr. Band from St. Catharines that had been microfilmed by the Public Archives of Canada. I had a friend in Ottawa who specialized in postal history and he went to auctions and bid on the correspondence in family estates. He was interested in the philatelic value, and the history of the development of the post office and its practices in the Ottawa Valley. We also discussed that these items would also be valuable to local historians.

At the Trent Valley Archives, Susan Kyle and I have discussed such issues, and thanks to Susan, we have received photocopies of letters that have been saved by a philatelist.

This small group of sixteen letters proved to be from a single source, and the analysis of the provenance indicates that Thomas Ward was the recipient of these documents. Ward effectively was an archivist as he received information from various sources and then preserved them to be used by

local politicians.

The letters contain useful information for people doing research in the area. Consider #5, the report on the meeting of inhabitants and householders in Douro in January 1841. What a great way to see how the early settlers dealt with the issues of local government. One has to sift through some misspellings, but the rendering of Crawford as Crafford helps recover the early pronunciation.

We also see what positions were considered necessary. Fence viewers ranked high as fights over boundary lines were sensitive matters. The pound keepers were to ensure that customers got full weight when ordering commodities, such as meat and flour, in bulk. Path masters ensured that the roads were passable, and he was assisted with someone on each line or concession or major road.

The laws related to cattle and horses are not self-evident and one suspects there are local back stories. Horses are not allowed to run free between April and December. One has to bell the bull so it can be heard within one mile.

On the whole this is a good compromise. Archivists and historians are interested in information. It is important, though, that the provenance of the documents can be ascertained with accuracy. This sample from the Thomas Ward papers manages to do that. Perhaps other documents from the office of Thomas Ward will surface.

## **J. J. Duffus, Car King, Mayor and Senator**

### **SENATOR JOSEPH DUFFUS DIES IN CITY HOSPITAL**

#### **Member of Senate Since 1940, Alderman 6 years**

*Peterborough Examiner, Thursday, February 7, 1957*

Senator Joseph James Duffus, a Liberal appointee to the upper chamber in 1940, died today in St. Joseph's Hospital, after a long illness. He was in his 81<sup>st</sup> year.

He was first elected to the House of Commons for Peterborough West in the general election of 1935 and he was summoned to the Senate in 1940. His career in Peterborough municipal politics included six years as alderman; he was mayor of the city in 1916-17.

#### **INTEREST IN AGRICULTURE**

Senator Duffus had a lasting interest in agriculture, especially plowing. As a boy on his father's Otonabee township farm he learned to follow a team behind a one-furrow plow. And even after he was elected to the House of Commons he was proud to demonstrate his ability at plowing a straight furrow.

He was elected president of the Ontario Plowman's Association in 1926 and brought the first international match to Peterborough county.

When he left the farm he went into the

implement business in Peterborough with Dunc Drummond, selling Massey-Harris equipment. Later he started the first Ford agency in the city and district and sold Model-T's by the hundreds.

When the Model-T's popularity waned he took over the General Motors' agency.

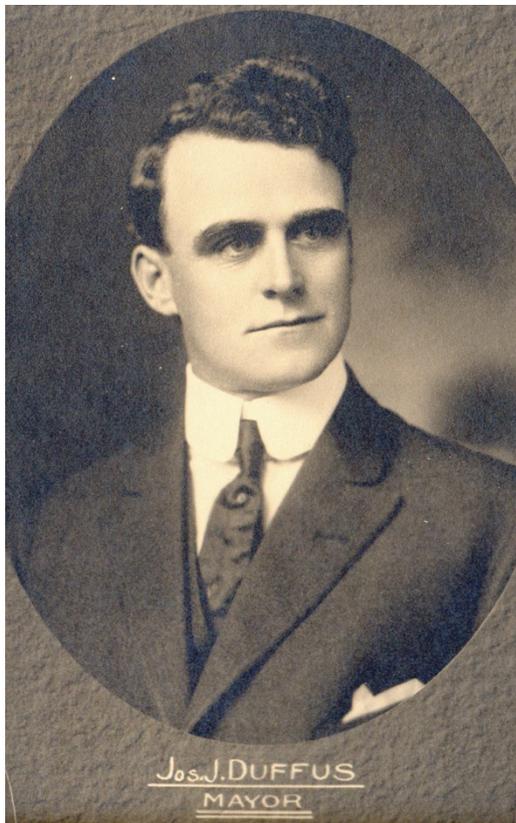
The present Duffus building was constructed during the First World War and the recreation centre was added on a second storey in 1928.

For some years he was also a funeral director. He sold out to Tom Cavanaugh.

Senator Duffus built up much of his popularity by ranging all over his large riding. He was on first-name intimacy with thousands of his constituents. One of his attributes was being able to talk with ease and without condescension to the city workman and farmer alike.

Senator Duffus was a Roman Catholic, a member of St. Peter's Cathedral, and was at one time on the separate school board and the Catholic representative

on the public school board. He was Grand Knight of the Peterborough Council of the Knights of Columbus, 1919-1920, 1926-1927, and state deputy, Ontario Jurisdiction, 1928-1929, 1929-1930.



#### **PROMOTED TOURISM**

He was an active promoter of tourism, sports and the Chamber of Commerce. And he took the first steps toward the erection of the federal building. He was responsible for rip-rap work around Little Lake, the first attempt to improve one of Peterborough's natural beauty spots. While he was in office the "T" wharf was also built.

While a member of the House of Commons and again as Senator he always sought to keep the name of Peterborough in the national forefront. He was an advocate of old age pensions before that legislation was introduced.

In poor health the past several years, Senator Duffus was unable to attend the last two sessions of the senate. Under the British North America Act, his seat must be declared vacant as there is no provision for overlooking this on compassionate grounds.

#### **POSTPONED ACTION**

However, a senate committee, aware of their colleague's precarious state of health, postponed taking action on the report.

Gordon K. Fraser (PC-Peterborough), though a

political opponent, declared any move to make the senate seat vacant during his illness was "unfair". He also paid tribute in a recent speech to Senator Duffus in national and community affairs.

Joseph James Duffus was born June 17, 1876, in Otonabee, of mixed Scotch-Irish stock. His father was the late James J. Duffus of Scotch extraction and his mother, Maria Galvin, Irish.

In 1907 he married the former Gertrude L. Sullivan, daughter of the late M.J. Sullivan and Ann Golden of Peterborough.

He graduated from the Royal School of Cavalry and the Royal School of Infantry. He served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons and the 247 Regiment; and he was a graduate signalling officer. For his services, he was made an honorary colonel.

#### **ELECTED MAYOR**

In municipal politics he served six years as an alderman and was elected mayor in 1917, defeating J.J. Hartley, and G. Walter Green. He succeeded William Buller.

#### **ORGANIZED DISTRICT**

During the years 1931-1935, he was president of the Central Ontario Liberal Association in a period when the Liberals were in opposition and the Bennett government was in power. He is credited with doing more than anybody else to organize this area which had become known as "the rump of Toryism."

The late senator first actively entered the field of national politics when he contested the 1926 federal election but was defeated by E.A. Peck, the Conservative candidate, by 8,934 votes to 6,825. He continued his organizational work, but was again defeated by Mr. Peck in the election of July 28, 1930; 9,663 votes to 7,902.

In his third attempt, the election of October 14, 1935, he turned the tables on his political opponents, defeating the late J.F. Strickland, KC, by 8,027 votes to 6,342. It ended a 10-year Conservative hold on the riding.

Coming up to the general election of 1940, he was once more nominated as Liberal standard bearer but, on Feb. 15, he was summoned to the Senate and R.M. Glover became the Liberal candidate.

Mr. Glover was defeated in the ensuing election by Gordon K. Fraser by 178 votes, and Mr. Fraser has retained the riding for the Conservatives (later Progressive Conservative) in the elections of 1945 and 1949.

The senator's last project, which he did not live to see completed, was a memorial to David Fife, who developed the famous rust-proof wheat. An experimental farm or station was suggested as a suitable memorial but it is expected to take the form of a school.

He served in the coronation contingent for King

Edward VII and received honors from three monarchs, Edward VII, George VI, and Elizabeth II.

Other organizations and affiliations include: Peterborough chamber of commerce, president for three years; president of the Ontario Associated boards of trade and chamber of commerce in 1926; president of Peterborough Hockey Club, senior OHA champions in 1926; and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club.

A delicate brain operation by Dr. Wilder G. Penfield of Montreal's Neurological Institute is credited with saving the senator's life a few years ago.

He leaves his widow, still residing at their home, 358 Hunter St. W.; two sons, Gerald of Terrace, B.C., and Karl of Peterborough; two daughters, Mrs. Edward M. Quinlan (Jean) of Elmira, and Mrs. Harry Gainey (Isabell) of Cooksville; and a sister, Mrs. Laura Cooke of Peterborough.

The funeral will be from the Anglesey funeral home to St. Peter's Cathedral for requiem mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be in St. Peter's cemetery.

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A plaque in honour of J. J. Duffus will be unveiled later in the fall, date to be confirmed, perhaps October 1. For this occasion, Elwood H. Jones has written a souvenir brochure for the occasion. Duffus figured prominently in his book, *An Historian's Notebook* (2009) which may be purchased at the Trent Valley Archives. There are many stories that retain continuing interest and which were not dealt with in the obituary. For example, J. J. Duffus was mayor when the city had to face the consequences of the Quaker fire of 11 December 1916. Duffus was an activist. He went to New York City, at his own expense, to find out how that city provided fire services to buildings that were at least eight storeys high. The Council also had to negotiate what kind of bridge could be aesthetic and meet the demands of automobile traffic competing with trains unloading at Quaker Oats. His leadership was outstanding during that period.

It has also surprised me to learn how closely Duffus supported developments in aviation. He provided the office space for Captain Ayers who trained pilots in Peterborough in 1926 and 1927. The city had several setbacks tied to aviation. It would have been great, for example, if Peterborough had been selected as a site for training pilots in the early part of World War II. However, our area was apparently considered too challenging for novice pilots: there were too many hills and too many swamps. Local voters turned down a proposal in 1952 that would have given Peterborough County an airport. The current airport was built more than a dozen years later with a fresh set of initiatives. And yet, in the series of stories tied with

Peterborough's rendez vous with aviation there is surely a major story.

Duffus was a local pioneer in automobiles, and some of his accomplishments were fascinating. I have thought he deserved more credit for designing an automobile dealership that envisioned all stages from purchase to maintenance to resale at one location.

As a politician, he had an unusual career. He became Member of Parliament in 1935 because the Tory vote was split between two candidates. A series of circumstances led to his being appointed to the Senate in 1940. There have been very few senators from our area, partly because Ontario is so huge and diverse compared to other provinces.

Duffus was perhaps the most important local person of his generation. For nearly 40 years, he gave decisive leadership on a wide range of issues and interests. He clearly made a difference.

My proposed wording for the plaque was:

**SENATOR JOSEPH JAMES DUFFUS (1876-1957)**

J. J. Duffus was a pioneer automobile dealer, leading Roman Catholic layman, a militia officer and outstanding provincial politician.

After graduating from the Royal School of Calvary and the Royal School of Infantry, Duffus served with the 3rd Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons and the 247th Regiment, reaching the rank of Colonel.

He was one of the earliest car dealers in Peterborough and by 1917 he was the largest Ford dealer in Ontario. He promoted motor shows and tourism and introduced innovative advertising for selling cars in Peterborough, Norwood and Millbrook. In 1920, he dramatically changed how cars were sold as he designed a unique showroom and repair facility at Charlotte and Water Street, at this location. To car journalists, it was "unique in every way – in location, design, construction, finish and equipment." J. J. Duffus Company celebrated its thirtieth anniversary in 1939; it was then the regional dealer for McLaughlin-Buick, Pontiac and GMC trucks.

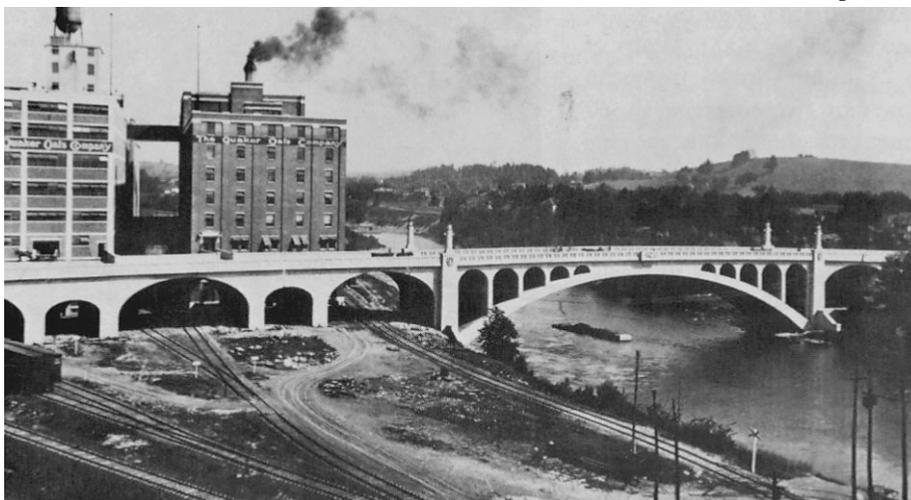
Duffus's political career began in municipal politics, where, as mayor, he promoted ideas to make the city more modern in its approach to fire-fighting. He entered provincial politics as a regional organizer for the Liberals, and in the watershed 1935 election became the local Member of Parliament. He was appointed to the Dominion Senate in 1940.

Duffus was the leading lay organizer for the rambling Diocese of Peterborough, which stretched from Cobourg to Sudbury, notably with the Knights of Columbus. He helped the diocese develop significant institutional services, including hospitals, social agencies and schools.

## Special issue on Quaker Oats 115 years in Peterborough

Elwood Jones, Editor

My connections with Quaker Oats cover my lifetime. I grew up in Saskatoon which had a Quaker Oats plant; my wife's family was from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and since being in Peterborough the close co-operation between Quaker and Trent University has been incredible. I taught at Trent University for 37 years, and had several students who went to work at Quaker in senior positions, and I knew successive presidents of Quaker: Jim Wharry, Jon K. Grant and David Morton, and their spouses who were all remarkable.



I have had several opportunities to work with people at Quaker Oats. I had hoped they could save the old R. D. Rogers store; but as a compromise they created a neat folly and produced a little box with the store deeply engraved which I use for keeping postage stamps. While working on *Peterborough: the Electric City*, I was shown some historic marketing materials. I was on the committee that erected a plaque for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fire. Over the twenty years of the quarterly magazine many interesting articles were published relating to Quaker Oats. Ken Gadd's connection with the Peterborough Gliding Club; Marjory Sheppard's memories of the executive offices where she was redeeming coupons from a radio show sponsored by Quaker; my own look at Quaker history booklets used in schools in Canada and the United States.

It has been disappointing to learn at different times and at different ways that there are no archives for Quaker Oats locally. It would be great to do a good history of the company in Canada, which could be done with records of the president's office and with reports

to the head office. We need a good history of Quaker Oats in Canada and in Peterborough.

The Trent Valley Archives over the years has gathered incidental materials related to Quaker Oats. We have a copy of the white print for the construction of the new Quaker Oats in 1917 by Leonard Construction. We have photographs and postcards in several of our collections. We have the full run of the Peterborough Examiner to 2008, and this includes some photographs in the photograph collection. At the time of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Quaker fire of December 11, 1916, we published a history of the fire and well-

researched biographies of those who died in the fire in the Heritage Gazette and then created a souvenir edition to give at the plaque unveiled in the garden at Quaker Oats head office.

There have been many connections between myself, Trent University, Trent Valley Archives and the recent history of Quaker Oats in Peterborough.

Because we have published articles related to Quaker Oats over the years, the November issue of the *Heritage Gazette of the Trent Valley*

(published quarterly by the Trent Valley Archives) will contain a sampling of stories ranging across the history of Quaker Oats. It will include an update on the centennial of the fire, but will include articles that celebrate the presence of Quaker Oats in Peterborough for 115 years.

The current projection of possible articles is:

- Selection of Photos Carruthers fonds; and from Electric City Collection
- Gina Martin's essay on the Quaker Oats fire
- Gina Martin's biographies of those who died within weeks of the fire
- Consequences of the Quaker Oats fire (casualties and impact on workers)
- Elwood Jones on the Quaker fire (from *Fighting Fires in Peterborough*)
- Mayor J. J. Duffus on the Quaker fire and the building of the Hunter Street bridge
- Elwood Jones on the building of the Hunter Street bridge

- Elwood Jones on Quaker books for young people
- Marjorie Sheppard on Quaker Oats premium contests on radio
- Quaker Oats float in 1927 diamond jubilee parade
- Quaker Oats at the Peterborough Exhibition
- Elmir Brown and the dynamite explosion in Wisconsin
- Site plan of Quaker Oats, 1917
- Fire Insurance plans (1882, 1889, 1915-22; 1929)
- Post cards through the years relating to Quaker Oats (Elwood Jones)
- Henry Clarke's archival items on Quaker Oats (scale tests; elevator repairs)
- Newspaper and tabloid features on Quaker Oats
- Excerpts and commentary on *Electric City* 1908 and 1914
- Review of the book on the history of Quaker Oats

We are looking for additional ideas and contributions. We want to mark 115 years of Quaker Oats as well as consider the impact of the Quaker fire of December 1916, one hundred years ago. It is important to get these suggestions to me rather early as there will be a need to do research, gather useful illustrations and photographic material.

## **Trent Valley Archives Honoured with Civic Award**

These are the winners of the City of Peterborough Civic Awards, presented June 7 at the Sport and Wellness Centre. There were also several sports awards.

The award to Trent Valley Archives was presented by Dave Haacke, and he particularly noted our great work promoting the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Champlain visit of 1615, which culminated with a highly regarded publication, *Finding Champlain's Dream*. A few copies of the book are still available at the Trent Valley Archives.

- Rotary Club of Peterborough-Kawartha - Community Betterment
- Don Parnell - Community Betterment
- Stephen Kylie - Community Betterment
- Dan Hennessey - Community Betterment
- Ted Yaxley - Community Betterment
- Elaine Dobbin - Community Betterment
- Our Space Board - Community Betterment
- Cam Douglas and Chantal Bouillon - Community Betterment
- Isobel Spicer - Community Betterment
- Barry Cowling - Community Betterment
- Ray Lee - Community Betterment
- Wayne Smith - Community Betterment
- Mary Steenburgh - Community Betterment
- Loretta Terry - Cultural Betterment
- **Trent Valley Archives - Cultural Betterment**
- The Cast and Crew of "Freud's Last Session" - Cultural Betterment
- Holy Cross Secondary School - Environmental Stewardship/Sustainability
- Camp Kawartha Environmental Education Centre - Environmental Stewardship/Sustainability
- For Our Grandchildren (4RG) Peterborough - Environmental Stewardship/Sustainability
- Guenther Schubert - Environmental Stewardship/Sustainability
- Volunteer of the Year: Aspa Bouzinelos
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Carl Oake

## **Ladies of the Lake Cemetery Tour**

Anyone who has worked on a family tree or researched family history knows that it hasn't always been easy to trace women's lives. For much of our history, women's place has been in the home with children; often she was Mrs. Someone, rather than Mary Somebody. At Trent Valley Archives we've always included interesting women in our fall Cemetery Pageant and our Tragic Tales of Loss and Misfortune tour. But we knew there were more than enough stories to create a women's tour of its own. And so we did.

We invite you to join our Ladies of the Lake Cemetery Tour, to be held September 11 and 25. It is a new tour which has only been given twice. Some of the women we will guide you to in this tour were well known in their own time. There is quite a bit of information about them because they led extraordinary lives for women of their time. Others we know about through the writings of their husbands or others.

We've chosen just a few of the notable women of Little Lake Cemetery for this tour. There are well known women, like writer Isabella Valancy Crawford and pioneer and author Frances Stewart. Philanthropist Charlotte Nicholls gave her name to some significant Peterborough landmarks. Others provide the stories that women's lives were made of, the success and the hardships of the soldier, the mothers and wives, the modest workers, the good neighbours, and many others.

Ladies of the Lake Cemetery Tour will be held September 11 and 25. Cost is \$15. Sign up by calling TVA at 705-745-4404 or visit the Trent Valley Archives website at [trentvalleyarchives.com](http://trentvalleyarchives.com).

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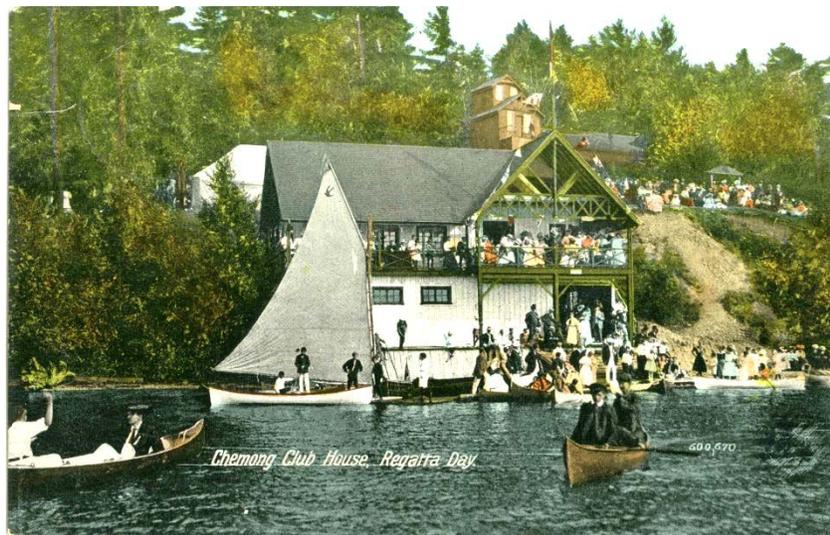
## The Log of the “Dorothy”

F. H. Dobbin

Retrospective- August 8, 1907 = we are at Sturgeon Point. We see many launches, and to sea in several. Site seems an aching void-lacking a launch. We can't conclude to buy and we have only a vague idea of building one. The proposition gets a six months hoist.

August = 1906= The holidays have come and gone. The launch matter comes up again. We now decide to build.

Mother says that the boys should have some employment for the winter. We all agree that the point is well taken. The male members of the family agree to forgoe shating curling and all winter hostilities and buckle to work to build. Mem promises are made to be broken.



Chemong Club House, Regatta Day (Postcard, TVA 517)

August 11 = We send to Brooks Co., for plans. Plans arrive. First lot of material ordered.

Labour Day Sept 3- Distinctly a day of labor. Keel shaped, bow and stern pieces fitted. Then comes a halt!

We buy a house and move. With fine sarcasm some say we buy a cellar with a house over it in order to get the cellar in which to build the boat. No such thing. We build launch to keep the boys employed and to get rid of superfluous energy. Exactly- only we get rid of too much.

The halt continues! More halting!

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1907= We tackle the building in dead earnest. Buy 50 cents worth of screw nails and additional material.

Jan. 23= Set up Keel. Lay on ribbands and begin to steam the ribs, first buying more screws. Acquiring heaps of experience.

Jan. 28 = Have had varying success in putting on ribs, very varying. Break a many but cough up for more screw nails.

Feb 6 = Ribs all on. Feel as proud as a farmer with a new red waggon. Feeling rather despondent over the outlay for screw nails. Cheer up! There's worse to come.

Feb 8= Receive a deputation of callers, of an enquiring mind who inspect work and comment on the abnormal

number of screw nails.

Feb 27=Begin planking. A difficult job, requiring a deal of judgement, skill and screw nails. We can buy the latter but we are acquiring the first. At least I am. We make some errors, but none in regards to screw nails- these are a financial fact.

March 11= Put in floor beams and a lot of patience. Deputation calls and frankly states that we'll never get the boat out of the cellar. Deputation squelched. Your father's at the helm.

March 27= Put on clamps and flirt with the proposition of the bed for the engine. Let the bed stand, or rather lay, and buy a few more screw nails. Positively the last two boxes. Sure thing.

March 31= Engine arrives. Seems to be all our fancy painted it. Fine and simple. It seems fool proof. Which is what is needed, so we are advised.

April 16= Planked the last board! Hurrah! No more screw nails, that is hardly any. Have put in over 2000. S' ep me Jeff Davis. The work is most done. We now paint, putty, caulk and do the finishing, fit up the inside. Finish the decks, varnish, rub and rub some more. Boat begins to look like herself.

June 17 = Christen the launch “Dorothy.” Nice Boat! Nice girl! Apply name and admire.

July 18 = Safe in the yard. N. B=That deputation were astray in prediction. The boat was taken out of cellar without a

scratch. We are the people.

July 20= Launched the “Dorothy” behind English's boat house. Put in the day putting in the engine, by now it rained.

July 20= Running in fine order. Work a thing of the past. Gasoline a thing of the future.

July 20=Engage cottage at Chemong and move up. It's great!

August 10= Set out to take launch to Chemong. Run to Stony Lake, spend day at regatta. Stay all night at Dolce far Niente, or Fairy Lake Villa. Next day run to Burleigh and spend the day, wind bound on Lovesick Point. Make Buckhorn for the night and Chemong next day. Returning, bring back launch on Labor day. Sept 7.

Last run in 1907- on Thanksgiving day, Nov 2, 1907= The launch was laid in for the winter at Rye's boat house.

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Memo: F. H. Dobbin (1850-1932) was Peterborough's distinguished historian of the 1920s. His long career with journalism began with the *Peterborough Review*, a paper he eventually owned. His last writings were for the *Peterborough Examiner*. Some of his newspaper articles were published in *Our Old Home Town* (1945).

This log book was recently donated to the Trent Valley Archives, and we were struck by its charm, and decided to run with the opening two years, 1906 and 1907.

## Frank Montgomery Fonds 196



*Photo by Frank Montgomery that he considered as a possible chrome postcard, c. 1990. This is a view of Peterborough looking north west past the St. Joseph's Hospital complex. Downtown and Quaker Oats are in the middle distance and the Kawartha countryside seems to go forever.*

The Frank Montgomery papers (Fonds 196, nine cubic feet, 1935 to 1998) is one of the more remarkable collections at the Trent Valley Archives. It has taken several years and many volunteers to assess the full range of the papers. There is significant family correspondence. Most outstanding is the correspondence related to the Montgomery House, Simcoe Street, across the street from the Bus Terminal. The hotel was owned by Frank Montgomery, the grandfather of our Frank Montgomery, one of three brothers, two of whom were murdered in Peterborough pubs and featured on the Murders on Rue George in May. Our Frank Montgomery was raised in Saskatchewan where his father Bill was an engineer in Vonda.

The large bulk of the collection relates to Montgomery Air Services, primarily from the 1970s to the 1990s, and contains hundreds of aerial photographs, such as the one above which dates to about 1990. The complex of buildings in the foreground include St. Joseph's Hospital, Marycrest Nursing Home and the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Quaker Oats and the downtown dominate the

middle distance, while the countryside lies to the north and the west. Montgomery considered printing this photo as a chrome postcard, and so attracted extra attention as we were preparing the forthcoming book, *Postcards from Peterborough and the Kawarthas*. The projects in this collection seem to cover from Orillia to Belleville, and from Oshawa to Bancroft. Montgomery operated out of the local airport which developed in the 1960s, and he had been a pilot during World War II. Particularly valuable are the postcards close to the city, because there are familiar landmarks for identifying what is in the photo. There are several guides to the photos, some of which are directly tied to specific projects. I now tell people that we have a photo of

their house, but they will need to be observant to find it.

The third component of the collection relates to the Montgomery Brothers Warehouse on Robinson Street. This was the site of the rail yards for the Cobourg and Peterborough Railway from 1854 until around 1905. This part of the papers contains valuable blueprints related to an ice plant on this site, and to the preparations for adding warehouses to the site. There are a few account books, invoices and statements related to the business. Bill Montgomery, the brother, lived in Saskatchewan. It appears that the business was established with the proceeds from the grandfather's estate, which included real estate besides the hotel. When the hotel was sold, the new owners renamed it the Queen's Hotel, and it continued to be a hotel until the 1870s. The hotel was built in 1849 for the Phelans.

The papers contain correspondence and books related to Jean Montgomery, who was very active coaching sports, such as tennis, and was a mainstay of the Presbyterian Church Women's Missionary Society. Jean was also an artist and the papers include some sketch books. Frank was very active in the scouting movement, and received several major awards. Some of their holidays are also documented.

The Montgomery papers came with books and magazine articles related to photography, flying, and the hobbies of the Montgomerys. We are particularly indebted to one of our summer students, Madison More, who scanned hundreds of photos and helped identify some of the significant connections.

## District of Colborne founding Document: original at Trent Valley Archives

*The letters patent written to the justices designated to serve in the district of Colborne, signed and dated 9 December 1841, gave the official sanction of the Queen for those appointed to important offices to do their duty. It was, in short, the final step in creating the District of Colborne. The district was authorized in 1838 with the proviso that it would come into effect upon the completion of the Court House and Jail.*

*The original is framed and currently on display in the reading room at the Trent Valley Archives. The document was in the office of the county judge until it was presented to the Peterborough Law Association by Judge J. de N. Kennedy.*

*The document conveniently lists all the individuals who were entrusted with the royal authority in the District of Colborne. The future County of Peterborough, Victoria County and the Provisional County of Haliburton were carved out of the District of Colborne.*

Seal attached to top right hand corner on page one reads:  
(Top) Victoria D.G. Britanniarum Regina Fid. Def. (Bottom)  
Sigillum Provinciae Canadae

R.D. Jackson

Province of Canada,

Victoria, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the faith, etc. etc. etc.

To the Honorable John Beverley Robinson, Chief Justice, the Honorable Robert Simpson Jameson, Vice Chancellor of our Court and Chancery, the Honorable Robert Baldwin Sullivan, the Honorable John Henry Dunn, the Honorable Dominick Daly, the Honorable Samuel Bealey-Harrison, the Honorable Charles Richard Ogden, the Honorable William Henry Draper, the Honorable Charles Drury Day, the Honorable Hamilton Hartley Hillaly, Members of our Executive Council, the Honorable Peter Boyle Dobraquiere, The Honorable Peter McGill, the Honorable René E. Caron, the Honorable William Morris, the Honorable George Pemberton, the Honorable Alexander Fraser, the Honorable Barthelemi Joliette, the Honorable James Crooks, the Honorable Julis Quesnel, the Honorable Adam Fergusson, the Honorable John Fraser, the Honorable John Macaulay, the Honorable John Hamilton, the Honorable Francis P. Bruneau, the Honorable John McDonald, the Honorable Adam Ferrie, the Honorable Jean B. Taché, the Honorable Paul H. Knowlton, the Honorable Thomas McKay, the Honorable Gabriel Roy, the Honorable Philip H. Moore, Members of Our Legislative Council, the Honorable James Buchanan Macaulay, the Honorable Jonas Jones, the Honorable Archibald McLean, the Honorable Christopher Alexander Hagerman, Justices of Our Court of Our said Province known by the name and style of Our "Court of Queen's bench and

for the province of Upper Canada," and to Burrage Yale McKyes, Thomas Alexander Stewart, Charles Rubidge, John Hutchinson, Robert Reid, Francis Connin, Thomas Carr, Richard Birdsall, Alexander McDonell, John Logie, Thomas Murphy, Edward L. Hickson, Ephraim Sanford, Daniel Griffith, James Wallis, John Darcus, Thomas Need, George A. Hill, Robert P. Madge, John Gilchrist, Charles Stuart Ruttan, Robert Dennistoun, Richard W. Armion, Andrew Simon Fraser, Thomas Trail, John Langton, William H. Wrighton, Thomas Fortye, Josias Bray (Royal Navy), George Frederick Orde, Walter Scott, James Foley, Thomas Choat, Alexander Kidd, Adam Stark, Robert D Rogers, Stephen Nichols, William Dixon, Robert Thompson, Joseph Barnard, Alexander Campbell, Duncan Cameron, Samuel Davidson, William Gourley, Josias L. Hughes, John Sullivan, William Best, Denis Houlihan, Patrick Sullivan, Michael Walsh, Esquires.

Greetings,

Know ye that we have assigned jointly and severally and every one of you, our justices to keep the peace in our district of Colborne of our said Province of Canada, and to keep and cause to be kept all ordinances and statutes, for the good of the peace and for the preservation of the same and for the Queens rule and government of Our People made in all and single their Articles in Our said District accounting to the force, form and effect of the same, and to chastise and punish all persons that offend against the good of these Ordinances and Statutes, or any one of them in the aforesaid district, as it ought to be done according to the form of those Ordinances and Statutes, and to cause to come before you, or any one of you, all those who to anyone or more of Our People concerning their bodies or the forcing of their houses have used threats, and to find sufficient Security for the peace or their good behaviour towards us and Our People, and if they shall refuse to find such Security then them in our prisons until they shall find such security to cause to be safely kept. We have also assigned you and every two or more of you our trustees to enquire more fully the truth by the oath, of you our faithful men of the district aforesaid, by whom the truth of the matter, may be the better known and enquired of, of all and all manners of felonies, poisonings, trespasses, aregratings, engrossings, and extortions whatsoever, and of all and singular the crimes and offences of which the Justice of the Peace may or ought lawfully to enquire by whomsoever, and after what manner soever in the said District, has, done or perpetrated or which hereafter shall there happen to be done or attempted: - **and also** of all those who will in the aforesaid District in companies against our peace in disturbance of Our People with armed force have gone or rode, or who hereafter shall presume to go or ride: **and also** of all those who shall have there lain in wait, or hereafter, shall presume to lie in wait, to maim or cut, or kill our people: **and also** of all Victuallers, and all and singular other persons, who in the abuse of weights and measures, or selling victuals against the

form of the Ordinances and Statutes, on any one of them therefor made for the common benefit of our people of our said Province have offended or attempted, or hereafter, shall presume in our said district to offend or attempt: **and also** of all sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, stewards, keepers of Gaols, and other officers, who in the execution of their offices about the Premises, or any of them have unduly behaved themselves, on hereafter, shall presume to behave themselves unduly, or have been, or hereafter shall happen to be careless, remiss, or negligent (neglecting) our aforesaid district: **and** of all and singular articles and circumstances, and all other things whatsoever, that concern the premises or any of them by whomsoever, and after what manner - soever in Our aforesaid district done or perpetrated on which hereafter shall happen to be done or attempted in what manner soever: **and** to inspect all Indictments whatsoever so before you, or any of you taken or to be taken, or before others hate Our Justices of the Peace in our aforesaid District made or taken and not yet determined, and to make and continue proceeds thereupon against all and singular the person, so indicted, or who before you hereafter shall happen to be indicted, until they can be taken, surrender themselves, or be outlawed: **and** to hear and determine all and singular the felonies, poisonings, trespasses, forestallings, regratings, engrossings, extortions, unlawful Assemblies, indictments, aforesaid, and all and singular or other the premises, according to the laws and statutes aforesaid, as it has been accustomed or ought to be done, and the same offenders, for their offences, aforesaid, by fines, ransoms, Amerciaments, for forfeitures, or other means, according to the law and custom of that part of Our said Province formerly known as Upper Canada, and form of the ordinances and statutes aforesaid, to chastise and punish. **Provided always** that if a case of difficulty upon a determination of any of these premises before you or any two or more of you should happen to arise, then let judgment in nowise be given before you or any two or more of you, unless in the presence of one of our Justices of our Court of Queen's

Bench, or one of Our Justices appointed to hold the Assizes in the said District - **And therefore we command** you and every of you that to keeping the Peace, Ordinances and Statutes, and all and singular, the premises you diligently apply yourselves, and that at certain days and places which you or any two or more of you, as is aforesaid, shall appoint, into the premises you make enquiries, and all and singular, the premises hear and determine and perform and fulfil them in the aforesaid form, doing therein what to justice appertains, according to the law and custom of that part of our said Province formerly known as Upper Canada; Saving to Us Our Amerciaments and other things to Us thereupon, belonging - **For We have commanded** and **do hereby command** Our sheriff of Our said District of Colborne, that at certain days and places which you, or any such two or more of you as is aforesaid to him shall make known, he cause to come before you, or any such two or more of you as is aforesaid, such and so many good and lawful men of his District, by whom the truth of the matter in the premises shall be the better known and enquire into.

In testimony where of We have caused these Our letters to be made patent and the Great seal of our said Province to be hereinto be affixed. **Witness** Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir Richard Downes Jackson K.C.B. Administrator of the Government of our said Province of Canada, and Lieutenant General Commanding our forces in British North America etc., etc., etc., at Kingston, this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and in the fifth, Year of Our Reign.

R.D.J.

By Command –

R.B. Harrison,

Secretary

## Genealogical Resources at Trent Valley Archives

### Genealogy Wall

Highlights of our Genealogy Wall:

#### Birth, Marriage and Death Records

##### Birth, marriage and death

##### Marriage

The marriage registries of Upper Canada (Canada West) list many of the early marriages, 1790-1860.

##### Obituaries

Most include day of death, residence, next of kin, cause of death, place of interment etc. At the Trent Valley Archives we have births, marriages and deaths for the

Peterborough area from 1845-1885 and from 1980-2004.

If you are looking outside the Peterborough area we can also assist you. We have births, marriages and deaths from the Cobourg Star from 1831-1849, and from the Lindsay area from 1861-1882. We also have indexes to the Lindsay papers from 1883- 1919.

##### Cemetery Transcripts and Finding Aid

A great resource for finding birth and death dates for ancestors and

possibly where they were born. Transcripts contain the information that is written on the tombstone. We have the full set of transcripts from Little Lake Cemetery, Lakefield and St. Peter's cemeteries, as well as other transcripts from across Ontario.

### Research Library

Our research library contains over 3000 catalogued books, and over a thousand more uncatalogued. The genealogist will find that the catalogue includes books about individual families as well as numerous township histories.

**Visit our website for our library list.**

### The Heritage Gazette of the Trent Valley

Our quarterly magazine has been edited and published by the Trent Valley Archives since 1997. It contains many genealogically significant articles and features. The issues are available on the webpage, as is a partial index. (A good opportunity for a volunteer project. Talk To Elwood)

## Family Trees

We are fortunate to have been given many completed family trees which may save you hours of frustration. We also respond to many research requests which result in hundreds of family files already started.

## Master Names Database

The project for data-basing the family genealogies of the founding families of the Five Counties that we service began 30 years ago when past TVA President Andre Dorfman began gathering information for the Dummer Township history book. He began with the 242 founding families of Dummer Township. Since then, the project has been expanded to include Peterborough County, the Counties of Victoria, Durham Northumberland, Hastings and Haliburton. There are now 300,000+ names in the database (15,000+ surnames). All data collected has been carefully researched, but no source documents are attached. It is intended as a finding aid. The entire database is searchable on computers at the archives.

## Fonds 60: Peterborough County Land Registry

Land abstracts registers supported by the essential land instruments, 1867 to 1950, for the following townships and villages of Peterborough County: Allandale, Ashburnham, Asphodel, Belmont, Bridgenorth, North and South Burleigh, Cavendish, Chandos, Douro, Dummer, Ennismore, Galway, Harvey, Havelock, Keene, Lakefield, Methuen, Monaghan, North Monaghan, Norwood, Otonabee, and Smith townships. Patent Sheets for Dummer, Otonabee, Asphodel, Belmont, Methuen, North Monaghan and Douro. This is our largest single collection after the Peterborough Examiner and deals with every piece of real estate in Peterborough county, but not all the properties in the Town / City of Peterborough. Volunteers are currently preparing a nominal index to the abstract registers that are organized by individual properties, and many townships have already been completed. By using this database, researchers can find out if an ancestor owned land in Peterborough County. Land records are a terrific source of helpful genealogical clues. Townships with completed indexes to land records are: Allandale; Ashburnham; Asphodel; Belmont; Bridgenorth; Cavendish; Chandos; Douro; Dummer; Ennismore; Keene; Lakefield; Monaghan Township Park Lots; Norwood; Otonabee; Smith

## Newspapers

Hard copy:

We have loose copies of newspapers arranged by decades from the 1860s to the 1980s.

We have solid runs of the following newspapers and others:

Havelock Standard, 1897 to 1970  
Peterborough Examiner, bound volumes from 1880s to 1900; 1971-1974  
Peterborough Review, 1935-1975  
Lakefield newspapers, 1950 to the present  
Haliburton Echo  
Peterborough New Paper  
Peterborough Sun

Also newspapers arranged by decades since the 1860s.

Microfilm:

Peterborough Examiner (originally Despatch), 1858-1885  
Peterborough Dispatch, 1847-1852  
Peterborough Examiner, daily, 1885-2008 (some gaps)  
Peterborough Review, 1854- 1901;1917-1920  
Peterborough Times, 1872-1880, 1882-1884, 1895, 1898-1900  
Brockville Gazette, 1828  
Toronto, Correspondent and Advocate, 1833-1837  
Canadian Emigrant and Western District Advertiser, 1831-1836  
Toronto, Canadian Freeman, 1825-1834

Toronto, Colonial Advocate, 1829-1834  
Ancaster, Gore Gazette, 1827-1829  
Kingston Chronicle, 1819-1832  
Cobourg Star, 1831-1839  
Patriot and Farmer's Monitor, Kingston, Toronto, 1832-1844  
Ottawa, Bytown Gazette, 1836-1840  
St. Thomas Liberal, 1832  
Niagara Papers, 1799-1851  
Toronto Constitution, 1836-1837  
Perth Courier, 1834-1842  
Hallowell Free Press, 1830-1833  
Brockville Recorder, 1833-1846  
Christian Guardian, 1830-1846  
Royal Standard, Toronto, 1836-1837  
Toronto, Mirror, 1837-1841  
British Whig, 1834-1838  
Church, 1837-1843  
Montreal Courier, 1835-1838  
Montreal Gazette, 1837-1838  
Montreal Courier, 1838-1839  
Montreal Herald, 1824-1841  
Upper Canada Herald, 1826-1847  
Patriot, 1829-1835

## Ancestry.com

ancestryinstitution.ca membership-- allows access to all Ancestry services except the ability to create family trees and contact other subscribers.

## Census and Assessment Records

Some accessible through ancestryinstitution.ca, we have: Microfilm Records:

Peterborough County, 1851-1901;  
Victoria County, 1871;  
Northumberland and Durham 1871;  
Newcastle District (AO, MS 16)  
Alnwick, 1840-1850  
Asphodel, 1821-1841 (some Belmont, Otonabee)  
Belmont 1841  
Cartwright 1839-1850  
Clarke 1803-1850  
Cramahe 1803-1850  
Darlington 1803-1849  
Douro 1826-1841  
Dummer 1839-1841  
Eldon 1839-1841  
Emily 1820-1841  
Ennismore 1827-1841  
Fenelon 1839-1841  
Haldimand 1803-1847  
Hamilton 1808-1847  
Harvey 1840-1841  
Hope 1803-1850  
Manvers 1835-; 847  
Mariposa 1839-1840  
Monaghan 1819-1841  
Monaghan South, 1842-1850

## Parish Records

We have the entire Peterborough Catholic Diocese records on microfilm. We also have the St. John's Anglican records. These consist of microfilmed copies of parish registers, registers of service, financial records and early records of St. John's Anglican Church from 1825 to 1935. In addition we have copies of the Warsaw

United Church records from 1890-1960 and the early Methodist Registers from 1805-1850.

**Marriage Registrations on Microfilm**

We also have the early baptisms, marriages and deaths on microfilm (Peterborough and Victoria 1841-1858, 1858-1869)

**Telephone and City Directories**

Trent Valley Archives holds a nearly complete collection of Bell Telephone directories for Peterborough, Lindsay and area for the years 1962 - present. We also carry an extensive collection of more detailed city and business directories for Peterborough and Ashburnham, also, Belleville and St. Catharines.

We now have the co-operative collected directories of Peterborough city directories available at [archive.org](http://archive.org) and soon to be accessible from [www.trentvalleyarchives.com](http://www.trentvalleyarchives.com)

**Fonds of Outstanding Genealogical Significance**

Genealogical information can be gleaned from just about any archival fonds depending on one's particular project. However, fonds of particular genealogical significance:

- F2 Alex Edmison-- a significant part of this fonds relates to the Edmison family
- F126 Leitha Kidd
- F148 Stan McBride-- a significant portion of this fonds relates to the McBride, Archer and Brackenridge families-- see also F538 for McBride additions. It also contains a near-complete run of Vernons Directories from 1906 through the 1980s.
- F138 Marlow Banks
- F321 Olive Doran-- genealogical research for families tied to the Peter Robinson Settlers and other families in Douro and Ennismore
- F141 Walter Dunsford-- Dunsford family research & trees
- F176 Doug Miller-- Miller family items
- F403 Peter McConkey-- research pertaining to various French families, as well as BMDs from Ulster, Ireland
- F320 Rosemary McConkey-- research pertaining to various Catholic Peterborough families
- F19 Dyer family-- also contains Sanderson family information
- F30 Robert DelleDonne collection-- a wide-ranging source of information about the history of Lakefield and its inhabitants
- F3 Archie Tolmie-- contains material on various Victoria County families, including Murchison, MacKay, Graham, MacMillan, Junkin, Moynes, and Tolmie
- F20 Barnardo Children-- copies of ships' lists
- F23 Don Cournoyea- select articles from the Peterborough Examiner from the 1890s through the 1960s; also includes an interest-based index to the Peterborough Examiner from 1920 to 1962
- F131 Heritage Gazette Vertical Files
- F31 Colborne District marriage registers
- F539 Newcastle District marriage registers
- F40 John A. and Mary Young-- contains research pertaining to the Young, Baldwin, Merrill, Huscroft, and other family names
- F61 Charlie Barrons
- F91 Keith Dinsdale
- F55 Andre Dorfman-- research pertaining to various families of Dummer Township
- F94 Gerry Stephenson-- includes Sucee and Stephenson family research
- F120 Lindsay Jail Register

- F179 Peterborough Jail Register
- F137 F. H. Dobbin index
- F143 Worth family
- F223 Odd Fellows Papers
- F170 Bradburn family-- Bradburn and Helm families
- F175 Belleghem Funeral Home
- F193 Hazel Wilson
- F316 Helen Weddell-- Weddell and Hill family papers
- F195 Edwin Poole
- F465 Clifford Couch-- scanned copies of scrapbooks, obituaries, photographs, etc., pertaining to Apsley history and families
- F172 Johnston family-- Johnston family research, letters
- F273 Keene Tweedsmuir Book
- F122 Warsaw Women's Institute-- contains a copy of the Warsaw Dummer Tweedsmuir Book
- F288 Brackenridge family
- F187 Archer family
- F317 Elmir Brown and the Brown family (also F444)
- F349 Bruce Fitzgerald family
- F375 Fairbairn photographic collection- contains photographs of Fairbairn, Wallis, and Roger families. See also F372 Fairbairn Family.
- F26 Osborne Studios-- contains portraits of many Peterborough residents through the 1970s and 1980s
- F384 Carol Taugher-- Rogers family research
- F397 Thomas A. Morrow-- memoirs
- F17 Lakefield Women's Institute-- includes a copy of the Lakefield Tweedsmuir book

**And many more collections.**

**Microfiche** International Genealogical Index, 1992  
 Ontario Archives Land Record Index  
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are pleased to announce that we have just received a fine (though incomplete) copy of the magisterial work of Irish genealogy, edited by Dr. Albert Eugene Casey, and entitled *O’Kief, Coshe Mang, Slieve Lougher, and Upper Blackwater in Ireland*. [published 1952-1971] Fewer than 50 libraries world wide have this amazing collection. Casey claimed to have information about three million Irish names, mainly from Kerry and Cork. We jumped at the opportunity to add it to our impressive research library on history and genealogy much of which is catalogued on our website. The work is eccentric and haphazard but has stuff that might otherwise be unavailable.

Of course, we have other guides to using Irish records, and also there are other resources, such as Ancestry. But this collection is certain to be useful, especially when we consider that many of the Robinson settlers came from the Blackwater valley.

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