



Newsletter

Lake Scugog Historical Society

Fall/Winter 2012

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President's Message

As the fall settles in on us it is interesting to look back on what has been an eventful summer. In spite of Prince Harry's indiscretions, it has certainly been an incredible summer for the Royal Family and the people of Britain in general. The Jubilee and the Olympics, have kept London in the spotlight as it has never been before.

As for our Lake Scugog Historical Society we have had two extremely well received events this summer: the Cochrane Street historical walk and the annual Pine Grove Cemetery walk. With the help of a number of people from our Society as well as Museum staff, who portrayed residents of the past on Cochrane Street, and long departed residents of the cemetery, both events proved to be very popular. I also enjoyed giving a tour of the St. John's Anglican Cemetery, in Blackstock, for its church members.

The Historical Society continues to play an important role in the heritage of our community. It does so as a result of many committed members who have worked hard in the background. Susan Dutton and Lucy Stubbs have been devoted members of our executive for many years. Between them, at various times, they have looked after refreshments, hall bookings, and advertising for our meetings, and they have looked after the newsletter as well as serving faithfully on the executive. It is due to devoted folk like Susan and Lucy that our Historical Society continues its work in the community. To show our appreciation for their dedication, they will be presented with a lifetime membership at our October meeting. Join us then.

As usual I look forward to meeting you all at our meetings.
Cheers,
Paul Arculus

Guest Speakers

Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.
Nostalgia Night
Dan Stone

Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.
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Please note that all open meetings will be held at Scugog Arena, Meeting Rooms~~ Reach Street, Port Perry

Cochrane Street Walk



Our Cochrane Street Walk, in July, was quite successful with many people attending. We hope to hold the Ghosts and Ghastly Deaths Walk on Cochrane Street in October of 2013. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be holding a Ghosts and Ghastly Deaths Walk this October.

October 17th Meeting: Nostalgia Night

Past Times in Port Perry - An Exhibit of Our History

Photographs, movies and artifacts of Port Perry as-it-was. Dan Stone will talk about Lot 9 in Port Perry - the famous Leonard block where the Leonards carried out their photography business, and today's "Piano Café."

There will be a movie of the laying of the cornerstone of Port Perry Public School in 1952. (Later to become R.H. Cornish School), as well as a short clip from a 1984 Canoe The Nonquon Race.

The First European Land Owners of Reach Township

Reach Township was given its first complete survey by Samuel Wilmot during the winter of 1809-1810. His task was to establish the lots and concessions for the township. This was in spite of the fact that no treaties had been signed by the first owners of the land, the Mississaugas of Scugog; meaning that the land still officially belonged to them. After the Wilmot survey,

the land was just taken from the Mississaugas, divided up and given to Loyalists and Soldiers who had fought in the wars of 1776 and 1812.

On March 12, 1812, the 200 acre parcel which contains present day Port Perry; Lot 19 in the 6th Concession was deeded to John Dulmage. Mr. Dulmage lived from approximately 1740 to 1814. German speaking, but born in Ireland of German parents, Dulmage was a great grandson of Johan Dolmetsch born on the edge of the Black Forest in Germany east of Strasbourg in 1678.

Throughout the eighteenth century the conflict between Catholic and Protestant resulted in many horrendous wars. Soldiers of France's Roman Catholic Louis the 14th invaded this area of Germany in 1709 in an attempt to rid the region of Protestants. As a result, almost fifteen-thousand Protestants left the region. Amongst them was the Dolmetsch family. They escaped by sailing north, down the river Rhine to Holland where they were offered asylum by protestant Queen Anne of England. They stayed for a short time at Blackheath, in London, and were offered land in Limerick, Ireland. In 1749 they were visited by John Wesley founder of the Methodist faith. They maintained their Lutheran status but most became followers of Wesley and Methodism.

The German/Irish Protestants were offered free land in the Thirteen Colonies but had to pay for their transportation. In 1756, the Dulmages made their way across the Atlantic, lived in New York City for a few years before moving north to settle in the Camden Valley of Upper New York State, taking land in 1770, not far from Saratoga Springs.

Around this time, John Dolmetsch married Sophia Heck from another prominent German /Irish family, and shortly afterwards the Dolmetsch family began to Anglicize their name by writing it as Dulmage.

When some colonists began to talk of rebellion and breaking away from Britain, between 1774 and 1776, the Dulmage family and all their fellow Camden Valley settlers had no hesitation in becoming Loyalists since they had been well treated by the British. Probably, more importantly, they believed that the British Parliamentary system was better than what had been proposed by the rebels. The Dulmages, and their neighbours, joined the British forces in 1776 to fight against the American rebels.

General John Burgoyne established a provincial core of the British Army which was made up of Loyalists. John Dulmage became a sergeant in the Queen's Loyal Rangers under the command of Major Edward Jessop, the famous Jessop's Rangers. The Rangers greatest success was the capture of Fort Ticonderoga on June 30, 1777. Unfortunately on the 16th of August many of them were killed at the battle of Bennington. Incidentally Robert Perry the father of Peter Perry, founder of Port Perry, was wounded at this battle. Another member of the Queen's Loyal Rangers was Edward Carscallen, whose wife later received a grant of land here in Reach Township, near Utica.

After the battle Bennington, Dulmage was promoted to lieutenant and fought in the final major battle of the Revolution fought near Saratoga. Burgoyne and his men were defeated and were forced to surrender their arms and the prisoners of war were marched to Boston. But Dulmage and several others had fled immediately after the surrender and escape north through Vermont and into Canada. Needless to say, the Dulmage farm in the Camden Valley was confiscated by the Rebels some time in 1778. John his wife Sophia and their seven children: Philip, Samuel, Jacob, Margaret, Elizabeth, Elias and Anne arrived in Canada bringing with them only the possession that they could actually carry.

As a result of his role as Lieutenant in the Loyalists, John Dulmage was granted 2,000 acres in Edwardsburg, near present day Preston. His son Samuel Dulmage and Samuel's wife Agnes were each granted land in Reach Township. Back in Preston, the Dulmages became involved in the rapidly growing Methodist movement. Sophia Dulmage died in 1810 and John lived at least until 1813 and probably until 1814. All his sons served in the militia and his grandson also named John Dulmage was killed at the Battle of the Windmill near Prescott in 1838 when a group of Americans again tried again to take Canada from the British.

Samuel and Agnes Dulmage probably never set foot on their land here in Scugog and the property was sold to Elias Williams, the first settler in what is now Port Perry. He, in turn sold his property to Peter Perry in 1840. Unfortunately the name Dulmage has disappeared from view other than on the first land grant maps of this region.

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Lake Scugog Historical Society

Presents it's Traditional

OLDE-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

A Reading of "Mr. Pickwick's Christmas"

Carol Singing for the Whole Family

Sunday, December 9th, 2012
At 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Presbyterian Church
319 Queen Street, Port Perry

The Antique and Nostalgia Show and Sale

Port Perry Arena - February 2 & 3, 2013

We are again sponsoring this event and hope to see you all in attendance.

Last year, our first year sponsoring, was very successful, and we again ask for volunteers to bake and to assist with different duties the two days of the show.

Please call Wendy Hatherley or Daphne Naasana, at the numbers on the back page of this newsletter.

Scugog Shores and Heritage Centre – Museum News

“They Went To War: Port Perry’s Military Past”

Discovering Our Military Past and seeking your help

The Scugog Shores Museums’ Heritage Centre and Archives will be having an exhibit on our town’s military history from the Fenian raids of the late 1860s, through the Boer War, World War I and II, right through to the present day. We are looking for people with stories, photos or artifacts that they would be willing to loan the Museum from late October to the middle of February. We are particularly seeking materials that are about local Port Perry residents and their families, not just the men who fought, but those who were left at home as well.

The exhibit will run from October 28th to February 18th, and all material will be returned afterwards. If you are interested in sharing your family’s stories or items with us, please contact the Curator, Amy Barron, at 905-985-8698 x103 or abarron@scugog.ca. Please help us to recognize the sacrifices made by past residents of our town.

Scugog Shores Heritage Centre and Archives is located at 1655 Reach Street, on the 2nd floor of the Port Perry Arena. For more information on our galleries, visit our website at www.scugogshoresmuseum.com.

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The Children’s Old Fashioned Christmas is being held at the Museum Village, December 2nd, 2012, from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

For information on all our events and exhibits please check our website at www.scugogshoresmuseum.com

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Heritage Scugog Upcoming Events: Heritage Scugog Night

The date has not been set for Heritage Scugog Night, usually in November. Hopefully, we will advise the date at our next meeting. The Heritage Scugog Night includes the presentation of the Heritage Scugog Awards, for: Architectural Conservation & Craftsmanship, Heritage Integration, Media, Publication & Research, Agricultural Heritage, as well as the Mayor’s Community Heritage Award.

For more information on Heritage events: www.scugog.ca

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Lucy Maud Montgomery Day

The Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario is very active, in Leaskdale. On Saturday, October 20th, 2012 they have an all day event, “Lucy Maud Montgomery Day” with events taking place at the Leaskdale Church and the St. Paul’s Church.

For more information, please contact: 905-904-0977

<http://lucymaudmontgomery.ca/calendar-of-events/>

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Renewal Procedure

This is to advise members that we will not send a separate renewal notice in the mail. For all Annual Renewal Members, there is a renewal notice included with this Newsletter, for your membership renewal for 2013.

Please fill it in and send back, before the busy Christmas Season gets underway. We will try to save postage and hold your membership cards for pick-up at our open meetings. Thank you, your Historical Society appreciates your support.

Recap of Lake Scugog Historical Society Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum Archives - Open Meeting - Nostalgia Night

Tuesday, November 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum Archives - Open Meeting

Sunday, December 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church
Christmas Carol Service and A reading of Mr. Pickwick's Christmas

Saturday, February 2 and Sunday, February 3, 2013: Antique and Nostalgia Show and Sale at the Scugog Arena, Reach Street.

Watch for the next Newsletter in late-March/early-April, 2013

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