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~ NEWSLETTER OF LAKE SCUGOG HISTORICAL SOCIETY ~

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LAKE SCUGOG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DEDICATED TO THE HISTORY OF THE LAKE SCUGOG AREA - ESTABLISHED 1969



President's Message

by
Marilyn Pearce

As I sit at my computer on this grey and gloomy Remembrance Day and think back on all the sacrifices our Scugog families have made over the years, it has renewed my commitment to ensure we never forget our past and that the folks who shaped our great community deserve to be remembered.

Everybody's history is important and I truly believe that if the local historical society doesn't save the history of this community it will be lost. When the Lake Scugog Historical Society was first organized in 1969, I am sure our founders realized how important it was to preserve, protect and document the artifacts and documents of the lives of ordinary folks that reflect our historic roots. One knows that if you kill the roots of a plant, the plant will die and that is why we at the historical society do what we do.

Reflecting back on our progress over the past year,

the LSHS Board has worked to develop new ways to preserve our history. We continue to explore new technology so that anyone can access history at anytime and anywhere. As you will read later in the Digital Up-Date it has been a very productive year.

LSHS has big plans for 2023 as well.

We have also reached out to our partners at the Township as to the importance of our Pioneer Cemeteries and the historic buildings at the Museum as well as other historic sites within the community. We will continue to advocate for their preservation. We would like to thank them for their help over the past year. Cemetery history is like a text book of our ancestors – our successes, our problems, world health issues, and our country's history. Our school tour at Pine Grove was a very effective way to teach our young people about our local and national history and we thank their teachers for taking this initiative.

LSHS is a volunteer membership organization and we have been so encouraged this year to see our membership numbers increase surpassing some of those great years in the 1980's. We now have just under 100 members so a huge thank you to all those who have joined – we hope you take the time to renew if you haven't already.

Merry Christmas

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2023. I hope you can join us on Dec. 13th from 7-9 pm at the Piano Café for our Xmas Social including a Show & Tell of some significant donations to our collection this year. Bring along a piece from your collection – we would love to see it.

Once again thank you to our members, our community partners and businesses, the Board of Directors and all our volunteers. Your overwhelming support of our 2022 program has renewed our energy to keep moving ahead "protecting and preserving" our local history.

On Nov. 14th, Port Perry celebrates the 230th birthday of Peter Perry – I hope he is proud of the community he founded within Scugog Township.

Lake Scugog Historical Society

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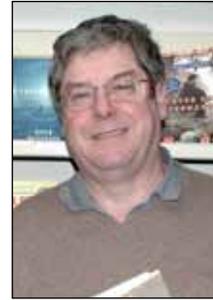
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Bill's Book Review



BILL MINORS

HANGMAN

THE TRUE STORY OF CANADA'S FIRST OFFICIAL EXECUTIONER

By Julie Burtinshaw

TIDEWATER PRESS - \$22.95

AS THE TITLE SAYS this is the story of John Radcliff, the first person appointed by the Canadian Government to be the Official executioner. Radcliff was an Englishman who had served in the Royal Navy for 10 years. Most of that time had been spent on the China Station, hunting down pirates. Most of these were automatically sentenced to hang and Mr. Radcliff was the one who did it.

On leaving the Navy, he worked as a shipyard labourer, but hoped to put his skills as a hangman to use. Accordingly he approached the famous British executioner William Marwood hoping to be taken on as an apprentice, but as he already had one, that came to naught.

He and his wife then emigrated to Toronto, where he worked as a steward at the Sunnyside Rowing Club. Rowing back then was a bigger deal than it is now. There were four Toronto Clubs, including the Argonauts, which of course evolved into the current football club. One of the members was Ned Hanlon, who was probably the most famous sportsman in Canada at the time. Regattas drew huge crowds and a lot of money was bet on the outcomes.

In 1889 William Harvey was sentenced to hang for the murder of his wife and 2 daughters. The Sheriff hired an inexperienced farm labourer to act as hangman. The job was completely botched and Harvey took 25 agonizing minutes to die. There was a public outcry. Radcliff wisely chose this moment to approach Ottawa about using an experienced executioner. Accordingly, after an interview with future Prime Minister Sir John Thomson, he was appointed Executioner, with a salary of \$800 plus expenses.

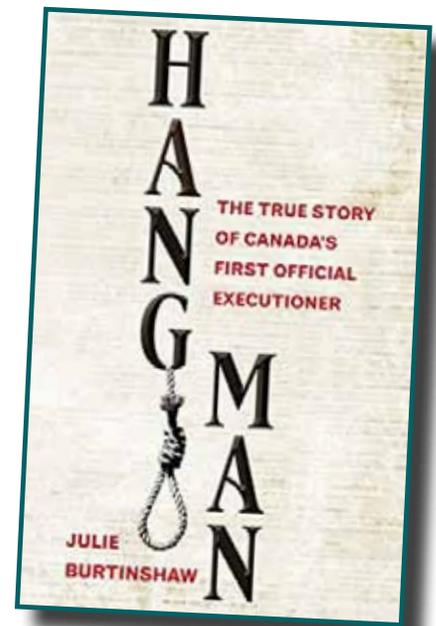
We tend to think of hangings as people dropping through trapdoors to their death. In fact at that time the opposite happened, by means of a counter weight, the body was jerked upwards and the victim died by strangulation, sometimes quickly, some times not. Radcliff introduced the trapdoor method, whereby if done properly, the neck was broken and death instantaneous.

Radcliff was horrified to learn how many people attended a hanging, sometimes several thousand people gathered outside the jail, and often the Sheriff sold tickets to the execution. Another interesting fact is that according to his contract Radcliff was entitled to the victim's clothes, which he would sell as a souvenir. He would also buy rope, cut it up, and sell the pieces as so-called souvenirs.

Although Canadians were for the most part only too happy to see murderers meet their fate, Radcliff himself was mainly treated as a Pariah. He felt no guilt as he was only carrying out the wishes of the Crown and felt that he spared the condemned a painful death. He always insisted on being referred to as an Executioner, not Hangman.

Sadly, his family left him, he took to drink and died in 1911 having sent over 300 to their doom.

Highly recommended if you want to explore the seamier side of the Canadian Justice system in the late 19th Century.



The Settlement of EGYPT in SCUGOG TOWNSHIP

Wm. Bartley *Robert Bryan*

By Marilyn Pearce

OVER THE YEARS of living in this area, I have always been fascinated by the community called “Egypt” in Scugog Township. Now as President of LSHS I decided to get to try and find out the answer to my question of why the early pioneers of this area named it as they did.

For those who don’t know where Egypt is – it is in Cartwright Township. If you drive south on the West Quarter line off Highway 7A and when you get to the Church St. intersection, east goes to Blackstock and west takes you to Egypt – a road that dead ends at the Cartwright Land Corporation Lands (Syndicate lands).

With notebook in hand this fall, I asked a few of our LSHS members who live in Egypt if they would help me with not only discerning why it is has such a unique name but as well who were the folks who lived here and were there historic buildings in this community at one time.

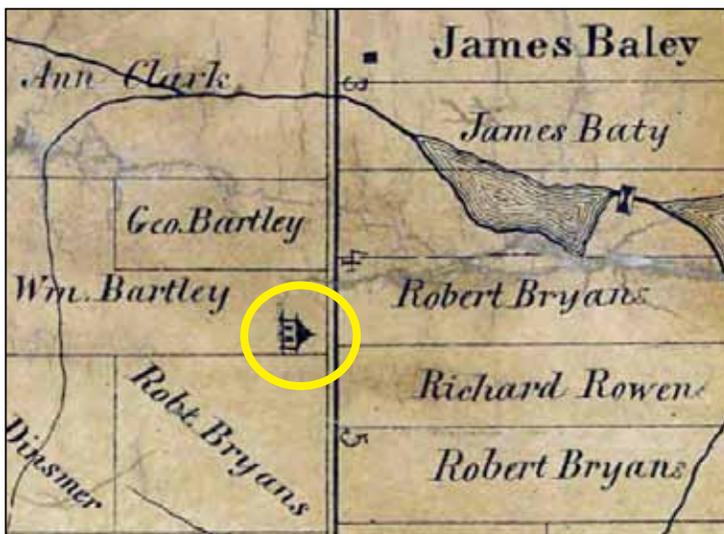
Liz Henderson, John & Sandy Churchill, & Harold Wright

answered my call for help and we met at the pioneer property of the Bartley family who were United Empire Loyalists who settled here in the early 1850’s.

Farming started around 1854 on the present day Churchill property (Bryan’s were the original settlers) and remnants of those settlers include their barn which has received a Scugog Heritage award for preservation as it still has the original foundation.

As we settled in for an afternoon of sharing stories and theories of what this community was all about, I realized that these three families had done a tremendous amount of research and our task of recording the history of this settlement and how it got its name was not lacking information.

Numerous historical books of Cartwright reference this small settlement and we started with what we knew. There had been a school in this community since 1854 (a log cabin on the Bartley farm). In 1874 the second school was built



1861 Tremaine Map of the area known as Egypt, with the schoolhouse identified in yellow circle.



Egypt School 1947.



Egypt School students.

S. S.# 8 Cartwright Township, Egypt Public School - 1947
School Photo Index

ONCA RIN#	Back 3rd Row L- R	ONCA RIN#	Middle 2nd Row L- R	ONCA RIN#	Front 1st Row L- R
1	D. Dixon - Music Teacher		Don Green		Peggy Brown
2	Dorothy Venning - Teacher		Don Cochran		Mildred Brown
3			Shirley Hamilton		Joyce Cochran
4			Doreen Cochran		Sandra Ferguson
5			Brian Hamilton		
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N.B. Photo Courtesy of: Thelma (Ferguson) Wright
N.B. Photo Named by: Thelma (Ferguson) Wright
Location: GPS

of the creek bordering the above properties when the Cartwright Land Development Co purchased them.

During our discussion we talked much of the Ferguson property that borders this area - Samuel Ferguson came to Cartwright from Cavan in 1836 and the William Ferguson Farm has been in the family since 1842. And what would an afternoon be without a discussion of the politics of 1830-1840 and the land agents who deeded the area to settlers. Those stories are for another day.

So as this afternoon concluded we came back to the original question: Why name it Egypt?

It appears that was a popular name in the mid 1800's as there are 3 more Ontario communities with this name in Ontario as well as 42 in the USA. We know from the Militia Rolls that in 1864-66 soldiers camped out in this area-maybe they named it. We know as well that in the 1860's there were many travelling workers (nomads almost) who frequented this area to help clear the land maybe they named it. Determined still to find out the

answer to this question I turned to local historian Harvey Graham and he offered his theory: Go the bible Marilyn as the early settlers looked to it for guidance and look up Matthew 2 ; the Lord advised Joseph to take his wife and children to Egypt as they would be safe there from Herod. So whether it was the popularity of Egyptian life and artifacts in England, or a pioneer seeing it as being a safe haven and a "Land of Plenty & Wheat" we may never know but we are on a journey to collect and document this small community history.

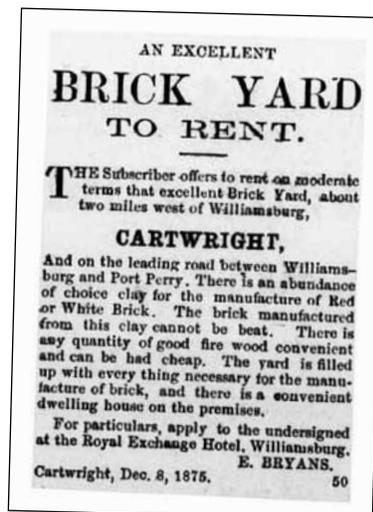
We welcome any photos, stories or even your theory on name and when we complete our research we hope to post it for all to see. My thanks to the

other historians who have written about this area including Doreen VanCamp, Thelma Wright, Blackstock Agricultural Society, Sher Leetooze, and the Tweedsmuir WI. The next generation of local historians have access to much more data thanks to the Internet and we hope to publish it in 2023.

on a farm eventually owned by Lloyd Wright. The first teacher noted in books was Mr. Niddery in 1880 and Miss Charlotte Hooey was a teacher in 1909. Looking at the 1930-40's school photos some noted residents were attending school here. Thelma Wright did a great history of the schools of Cartwright including this one and years ago donated it to our historical society. Our collection includes school photos from 1895/1896/1909/1915/1933/1934-35/1937-38 and 1947. Fred Bailey built the belfry for the school bell of SS#8.

As we continued our historical tour of Egypt, I was advised there are many ruins still within this settlement area including those of a steam sawmill, a brickworks (operated by Mr. Bryan's), foundations of homes, stone paddocks and even the original log structure shed on the Churchill property. Bricks from this brickyard were used to build the Blackstock Anglican Church, lumber from the sawmills built the original Blackstock Presbyterian Church which is now gone but existed next to the Blackstock Armouries.

As the afternoon continued we turned to the maps and atlas's to find out the names of the early property owners: Bartley, Bryan, Hunter, Bailey, Hooey, Wright, Hooper, Mason, Wray, Wilson and Franklin. We decided to focus on three properties that members of the committee have a direct connection with: Henderson/Almack property on the Bartley farm 1850; Churchills on the Bryan's farm 1851 and Harold Wright on the original Bartley log house property that was later owned by Walter Wright and then Garnet Wright in 1896. Some of the other early area pioneers sold out their properties to the west





November 25: Annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony in Historic Downtown: BIA unveils new lighting & displays in historic downtown and Palmer Park

December 3: Annual Port Perry Annual Santa Claus Parade- a Family favourite for generations (since 1917 we think).

December 4: Christmas in the Village: Children's Event Scugog Shores Museum

December 13: LSHS Xmas Social & Show & Tell Piano Café 7-9pm Bring along your best "Historical Scugog" item and LSHS will be showing the best artifact donation of 2022. Admission free.

FEBRUARY 4,5 (2023): 25th Port Perry Winter Antique & Nostalgia Show returns to its usual date in February. 10am-4pm both days. Admission \$5

April 2023: Speaker Series returns

Print & Save for future reference.

YOUR DONATION IS IMPORTANT!

Lake Scugog Historical Society relies on fundraising and donations to continue to operate as your Historical Society and we Thank all those who donated in 2022.

Donations can be made securely through CanadaHelps Organization – www.canadahelps.org by simply visiting their web-site and enter our name Lake Scugog Historical Society.

CanadaHelps will issue you a tax receipt on-line and then transfer the funds to us. They also help sponsor the largest annual giving event every year which takes place on the Tuesday after Black Friday.

GIVING TUESDAY IS NOV. 29TH THIS YEAR.

Finally you can also donate through E-Transfer and we can issue a receipt for donations greater than \$20. Our address is lakescugoghistoricalsociety@gmail.com and we still welcome cheques. Please help as we continue to deal with increasing costs and a pandemic that never gives up!!



GOOD NEWS - LSHS has received a generous \$5,000 grant from the Mississaugas of Scugog Island to use toward finishing the Scugog Digital Newspaper Collection.

GOOD NEWS - We are still waiting for confirmation of our application to the Durham Community Foundation for funding. We are hopeful our grant application for \$5,000 will be approved. The grant is a part of the Joel W. Aldred Foundation, D.F.C., RCAF and Ann Mooney-Aldred Fund at Toronto Foundation, and will be announced at the end of November.

GOOD NEWS - Phase Three of the Scugog Digital Newspaper (SDNC) project is nearing the final stages, and will be available online before Christmas. When activated, newspapers from 1857-1991 will be available free of charge to anyone - anywhere in the world.

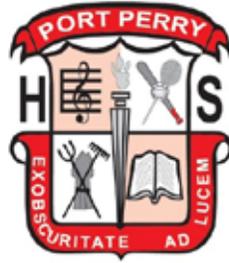
GOOD NEWS - The first 10 years of Focus on Scugog magazines, dated 2006-2015, will soon be added to the SDNC. These files are fully searchable by word.

Since the last digital update, much has happened, thanks to the amazing generosity of our partners for the Scugog Digital Newspaper Collection project. We are indebted for their financial backing of the project, which would not have been possible without their generosity.

There is one final phase of the Digital Newspaper Project to complete. This includes the Port Perry Star issues 1992-2001. Depending on LSHS board approval, and availability of funds, Phase 4 would complete the digitization of 144 years of local newspapers, dating back to 1857.



In The Mezzanine



Port Perry High 150th Celebration May 6th 2023

In 1871 Port Perry High School was ‘born’!



1873

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE COMMON AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO was passed on the 15th of February, 1871.

Those who graduated PPHS in 1871 had actually enrolled in Port Perry ‘GRAMMER’ School. We had hoped to celebrate our 150th in 2021, but, Covid caused us to rethink when to call our alumni back to their old alma mater.

The ‘original’ PPHS was in the mezzanine of the 1 room school house at Rosa and Queen Streets. There was plenty of room for half a dozen or so students, but, the town (village?) was growing and there were more and more 1 room schools popping up in Reach and Scugog Townships (PPHS ‘family of schools’). A decision was made to go ‘bigger and better’ and the spades went into the ground in 1873 to build Port Perry Common school, a combination public and high school. It even had a gymnasium and an auditorium (some thought it a little ‘over the top’).

Enrolment grew rapidly as “larnin’” came into fashion.



1926 – The Fire

Then in 1926 the school burned down. The situation was dealt with promptly and in 1927 the new Port Perry Public & High School was open for business.

Even ‘bigger and better’. The girls’ public & high school entrances were on Rosa St. and the boys’ entrances on the back. With the addition of the ‘tech wing’ in 1967 the boys’ entrances disappeared although boys were still allowed ... required ... to attend.



1927

Before the addition of the ‘tech wing’ there was a ‘science wing’ added to the north in 1961 (some still remember the yellow brick exterior) with a cafeteria and a gymnasium ... dual function.

Since 1967, there have been a new ‘science wing’ added on the north side, a library and office rework to the south, and a third ‘mixed science’ wing added to the south. The football field is now behind the school on the west side of Ottawa St. with the student parking lot behind the school extended to Ottawa St.



2022 (pixilated digital photo)

If you’re an alumnus (student, teacher, ..., or attended any of the PPHS family of schools) PLEASE reserve May 6th, 2023 on your calendar.

Clothing from your time at PPHS would be appropriate.

Come walk the halls and re-unite with old friends!

Anniversary clothing will soon be available for purchase.

Keep tabs on the PPHS web-site for updates and contact the school

(portperryhs@ddsb.ca) if you would like to help out.

Courtesy of Bill Holtby (Gomer): A PPHS alumnus (1967) and 150th volunteer.

Out & About



JIMMY FRISE UNVEILED

Paul Arculus, past president of the Lake Scugog Historical Society, and president Marilyn Pearce took part in the official unveiling of the recently refurbished Jimmy Frise colour cartoon at the Scugog Shores Museum in July. The Frise cartoon will become a feature at the Scugog Municipal. More pictures on page 15.



BROCK'S HERITAGE GRANT

Scugog Mayor Bobie Drew congratulated Marina and Julie Brock in July 2022, for their restoration of parapets on their historic building at 174-176 Queen St. They have now replicated the original decorative parapets on all of their historic 1885 Queen St. buildings.

TOUR OF BEACON MARINA



Beacon Marina co-owner Kelly Patterson, left, is seen here sharing memories to a group of local residents, inside the restored 1928 marina building – formerly known as Frayer's Fish Camp and Reg's Marina, in Caesarea

Cemetery Walks

Prince Albert & Caesarea

Centre – Lake Scugog Historical Society director Janis Carter, seen top left, speaking to a group of people during a cemetery walk at the Caesar family grave site, at Caesarea.

Bottom – Students from Grades 7 & 8 of Prince Albert Public School took part in a Pine Grove Cemetery Tour, with Lake Scugog Historical Society past president, and local historian Paul Arculus as tour guide.



Guest speaker Amy Barron gave a talk on “Camp 30” in Bowmanville, a German prisoner of war camp during World War II.

SPEAKER SERIES

LARGEST CROWD EVER FOR SPEAKER SERIES

The Lake Scugog Historical Society held its Speaker Series night on Tuesday, Nov. 8, and it attracted more than 65 guests, making it the best attendance every for the speaker series.

Dr. Amy Barron spoke to an enthusiastic crowd about Camp 30, a prisoner of war camp set up in Canada during World War II to house high ranking German officers captured during the war.



The Forgotten

ONE of Scugog's most solemn and peaceful places to enjoy a casual stroll is the Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert.

Wandering amongst the resting place of the departed may be found depressing for some, but the quiet and tranquil atmosphere of this sacred property makes it the perfect place to reflect on our lives, our community and at the same time discover pieces of our past.

Acres of lush green grass encircle our forefathers' memorials like a large blanket, and narrow dirt paths wind throughout the burial ground shaded by large trees that have shielded much of the area for a hundred years.

On a recent stroll along the eastern edge of the cemetery, a small grey stone concealed by underbrush caught my eye. Pushing aside some of the ferns and undergrowth, I was surprised to find four grave markers which were partially hidden by various types of ground cover.

Each of the stones gave the impression of having been long forgotten and neglected. Although

some of the markers were difficult to read, the names were deciphered and a search began to find out more about the families whose loved ones were interred at Pine Grove Cemetery more than a century ago.

The recent project by the Lake Scugog Historical Society to digitize all of Prince Albert and Port Perry's newspapers made this task much easier. The digitized newspapers, along with records available on the *Ancestry.ca* site provided information online that years earlier would have been much more difficult to access.

Following is the information researched about the families to whom these gravesites belong.

CLIFTON: On September 28, 1903, young Mary Ellen Robina Clifton, youngest daughter of Robert M. and Margaret Clifton passed away. No cause of death was given, but the little girl was only three years and four months old at the time of her death.

A "loving friend" published a poem in the newspaper following her death. Following are two verses of the poem:

Farewell to Dear Little Ruby.

*Who has passed from earth away,
She has gone to dwell with Jesus,
In a land of endless day.*

*Those bright eyes are closed forever,
On earth's sorrows and its fears,
Grief shall dim their brightness never
They shall never know sad tears.*

Following more research we find that Robert Clifton was born in 1869 in London, England and travelled to Canada, settling in Reach Twp., about 1891. It was here he met 22 year-old Margaret Mackie, whom he married on August 2, 1897 in Prince Albert. At the time of his marriage he was working as a cook.

Robert Clifton passed away when he was only 34 years old and his wife remarried a few years later. From there the trail goes cold.

ANDRUS: This simple gravestone sits upright extending about a foot out of the ground. Across the top in bold capital letters is the name FREEMAN, but any connection to the Andrus name is a mystery.

Enscribed on the face is C. Andrus, Born 1901. Died 1905.

No other information is on the headstone, but about 10 feet away inside the cemetery property, we find another gravesite with the name Andrus in large block letters across



*The Clifton headstone which reads:
Ellen M.R. Clifton - 1900-1903*

the top. This one is engraved in memory of Dorothy A. Dayton, wife of James Martin Andrus.

Dorothy, we discover was born in on June 6, 1864, and she is believed to have been related to Prince Albert's founding father, Daniel Dayton, although the link has not been found.

Dorothy married James Andrus, of Brechin, Ontario, on July 12, 1884 in her hometown. During their life together they raised 13 children. Of those children, there is no record of little "C. Andrus", who died when "he" or "she" was only 4 years old.

Both Dorothy and James lived long lives with Dorothy dying when she was 86 and James at 82 years of age.

No connection to the Freeman name on top of the headstone can be located.



*The Andrus headstone with Freeman across top reads:
C. Andrus - Born 1901 Died 1905*

BRAWN: This stone, almost buried under soil and undergrowth, shows the resting place for Minnie L. Brown, who was born on May 14, 1901 and died as an infant the same year.

An entry on *Ancestry.com* provides information on her birth. Minnie Luella Brawn was born in May 1901 in Ontario and was delivered by Dr. E. L. Procter of Port Perry. Her parents were Thomas and Annie. She died on December 17, 1901. The cause was not registered.

Thomas and Annie were parents of three children when Minnie was born in 1901. They lived in Reach Township and he worked as a farm labourer. Following the tragic death of Minnie, the family relocated to Whitby, where he continued working as a farmer.

The Brawns later settled in Saskatchewan where both Thomas and Annie died, and were buried.

Little Minnie L. Brawn's unattended gravesite is the only



*The Brawn headstone reads: Minnie L. Brawn
Born May 14, 1901 Died 1901*

evidence that the family lived for a short time in Reach Township more than 120 years ago.

ORLLIE: The fourth of the headstones is a small white marker with the name "ORLLIE S" in bold block lettering. This is perhaps the most heartbreaking of the forgotten gravesites.

It's low profile found protruding about one foot out of black soil in the underbrush, giving the impression it has risen from the ground to be discovered. No name has been inscribed on this marker, and after extensive search through online resources, nothing could be found to identify either the individual interred, or the family.

Sadly, it appears as if all of these gravesites have long been forgotten by their families, and in time they will pass from sight as Mother Nature reclaims this small, but hallowed piece of earth.

by J. Peter Hvidsten



The Orllies headstone has no other visible markings.



Scugog Sports Hall of Fame

Celebrating Sports In Scugog

Submitted by
Leanne Ashbridge

The 15th Annual SSHOF Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday April 20, 2023. The selection committee has reviewed the nominations and the 2023 inductees will be announced by the end of the year. You can support the Hall of Fame by planning to attend the event, becoming a sponsor or being a donor at our new effort the on-line auction.

The SSHOF committee are working with www.garyhillauctions.ca to host an online fundraising auction to be held during the week of Nov 13th. The auction will offer about 40 items that have been donated by individuals and local businesses. Check out the website for more information and to bid on any of the many items available. Proceeds from the auction will fund not only the event but also the Hall of Fame exhibits.

This past year the HOF has had the pleasure of working with a Port Perry High School Co-op placement student, Canyon Myers. Canyon's placement runs from September to the end of January and he works at the Hall of Fame up to 3 hours each weekday along with the Hall of Fame volunteers on cataloguing and accessioning our artifact collection, creating new exhibits and improving our marketing and promotion plan.

For example: QR codes have been posted throughout the Hall of Fame areas within the arena. If you are waiting for a game to start or waiting on that young athlete to come out of the dressing room scan a QR code to link directly to our webpages and access information about past inductees on your phone.

A new Exhibit opened in Sept. in the 2nd ice pad exhibit area as we converted from summer sports to a winter theme with artifacts and photos that tell the stories of the history of Jr C Hockey in Port Perry, minor hockey in Scugog, curling in Scugog and two winter sports that were last played in Scugog in 1999- ringette and broomball. The display also includes a jacket from the Lakeshore Minor Basketball league. The donor of this jacket is unknown



and the committee would be interested to hear from anyone who may be able to provide information about this jacket and who may have been involved with this league in the 1950s or 1960s. The exhibit is open to the public during arena opening hours and admission is free.

The exhibits on the second level have also been revitalized and a number of pieces from the collection have been added. These exhibits represent our vision to "Remember the Past and Inspire the Future".

The Scugog Sports Hall of Fame continues to accept donations of sports artifacts related to our Inductees and that have significance to sports in Scugog. Contact Leanne Ashbridge at liashbridge@gmail.com if you have items you wish to donate or a story you wish to tell.



EVAN MONSMA

Scotland to Success



JAMES CARNEGIE'S JOURNEY IN DURHAM

My great great great grandfather, James Carnegie, was a successful and well-noted man to Port Perry and the surrounding area. He greatly contributed and cared about this small town. He participated in many things of Port Perry history.

Mr. James Carnegie came from the region of Kincardineshire, Scotland. The second-born child, to a pretty poor family, of Alexander and Ann (Crammond) Carnegie was born on June 2, 1843.

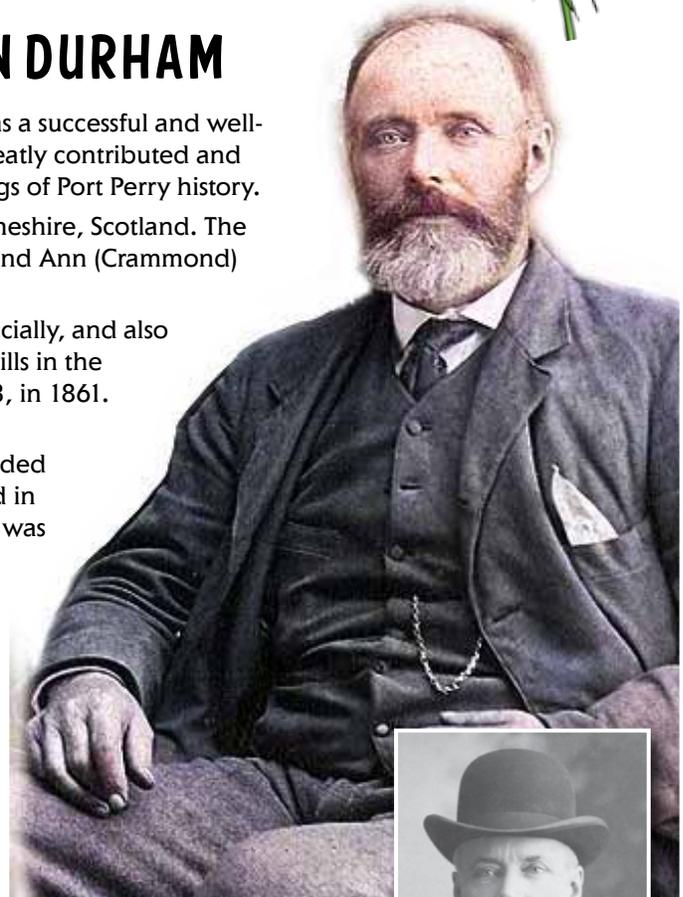
James' father, Alexander had a rough childhood financially, and also in his adulthood. He was a miller and worked at several mills in the short span that he lived. Alexander passed away at age 43, in 1861. James was only 18 years old.

In 1865, James Carnegie, at the young age of 22, decided to start fresh in Canada, and off he went. Before he settled in Ontario, he first arrived in Quebec. His first job in Canada was at a mill building company in Toronto. When the lumber mill in Utica was up for sale in 1870, Carnegie pounced on the opportunity to purchase it and did so. He worked at that mill for 6 years before deciding to move his works to Raglan, where he bought a mill and worked there for 12 years.

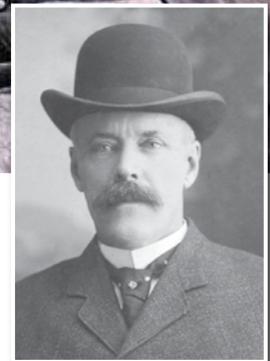
James Carnegie made a splash into Port Perry history by purchasing William J. Trounce's package of mills in 1888. He purchased a lumber, planing, and flour mill from Trounce. The growing family of 10 moved to Port Perry for a great opportunity. He had two more kids, while living in Port Perry.

That generation of the Carnegie family is known for once living in the home that was built by James Carnegie, where Jester's Court is now, but when they first arrived in Port Perry, they lived on the waterfront by the mills. The mills were demolished in 1902 by a fire and weren't rebuilt. In 1892, the oldest child of James and his wife, Louisa, Alexander, was taking logs to the mill, and he sadly drowned in Lake Scugog.

James Carnegie was a man of politics as well. He served to represent the Scugog division of County Councils. He served 5 times in a row and in the second year, he was awarded Warden of the County. He was the chairman of 3 different titles, including the building committee of the County Home of Refuge, the Board of Management, and the Finance Committee of the County Council.



Colorized photo



JAMES CARNEGIE

Mr. Carnegie passed away on October 4, 1921, at the age of 78, and he is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Prince Albert, Ontario, along with his wife. Louisa (Fincham) Carnegie passed away, 9 years later, on December 13, 1930 at the age of 83.

James Carnegie was a man who did many things coming from a poor family in Scotland to a successful, recognized man of Port Perry. But the real question is, what would James Carnegie have become if he had not come to Canada?



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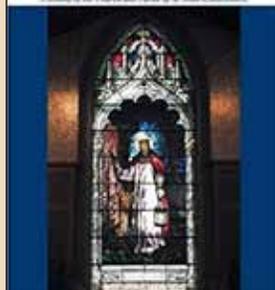
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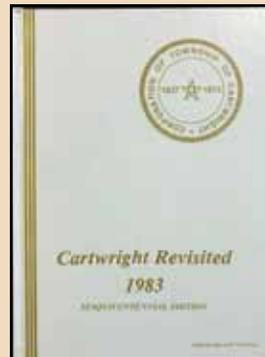
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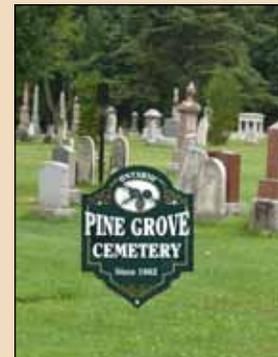
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The LSHS Garden Party and Tribute to Paul Arculus

The Lake Scugog Historical Society held its 37th Annual Garden Party at Scugog Shores Museum on Sunday, July 24th.

Featured events included the unveiling of a refurbished large cartoon by former local boy Jimmy Frise, and a tribute to LSHS past-president, Paul Arculus.

Members and friends of the LSHS gathered in the historic church at the museum for the celebrations, with greetings and congratulations being brought by Scugog Township mayor, Bobbie Drew and Region Chair John Henry.

President Marilyn Pearce chaired the gathering and paid tribute to Paul for the 25 years he served

the LSHS as its president, and announced that a newly planted tree on the museum property would be named in his honour.

Greeting were also brought from a variety of friends and colleagues, including Durham Regional chairman John Henry, Claudette Brock and former Scugog Shores Museum curator Susan Neale, who is now a Director of the Peterborough Museum.

Following the tribute to Paul, the Jimmy Frise colour cartoon was unveiled. The large 4'x6' framed cartoon will find a home at Scugog Township municipal building.



A large gathering took place at the Scugog Shores Museum church on Sunday, July 24 to pay tribute to past president Paul Arculus and to unveil a painting by Jimmy Frise.



Paul greets and thanks his many friends of the Lake Scugog Historical Society



Paul enjoys time with Dorothy Munro, Claudette Brock and Marilyn Pearce.



Janice Carter presented Isabel Arculus flowers following the tribute to Paul, given by his wife Isabel.

LSHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The past year saw our membership in the LSHS grow and we are pleased to welcome both our new members and those who renewed. Our membership fees are \$15 Single, \$25 Family, \$50.00 Corporate, and Life Memberships \$300, with a tax receipt.

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