

# LSHS ARCHIVIST

~ NEWSLETTER OF LAKE SCUGOG HISTORICAL SOCIETY ~

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Spring

SPRING 2023

# Lake Scugog Historical Society

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



## President's Message

by  
Marilyn Pearce

Welcome to the LSHS Spring newsletter and the energy that accompanies the return of spring every year. As you will read your LSHS executive has a busy plan ahead with our usual Speaker Series kicking off in April, followed by historical walking tours and events.

I can't help though thinking back on the last three years and the challenges we have faced and overcome.

Our membership has grown to over 100 members, our financial situation is improving and we have completed a major capital program - the digitization of Scugog's newspapers. With the help of the grants from community partners and you our members we have raised over \$40,000 and made this dream a reality.

But we are not done yet as LSHS faces new challenges as our popularity for research and archival history continues. Folks with significant collections are calling to find out how they can donate their collections to this organization. The pop-up exhibits LSHS has been doing have assisted in

finding new information for our archives so that future researchers will be able to access a more complete picture of the development and history of Scugog.

As we enjoy the change of seasons LSHS has already hosted our fundraising Winter Antique Show and are planning a second one for October. The show and the exhibit of the community of Caesarea were equally successful and in the fall we hope to be able to offer an Exhibit on the History of Scugog Island.

Our 2023 historical walks include a spring visit to Pine Grove cemetery led by Paul Arculus, a summer visit to the architecture of Queen St. and a fall visit to The Pines Pioneer cemetery in north Reach Township. As always Bill Minors is putting together an interesting speaker series and of course our Annual AGM comes along in May and we are already accepting nominations for the Bill and Claudette Brock Award for a resident who has shown an outstanding commitment to preserving our heritage.

As your president I have thoroughly enjoyed the past two years working with this Board of Directors but our term ends at the May AGM. I am hopeful the executive will consider running for a second term but we do need help.

We are two directors short right now and are looking for folks who might consider becoming a director. The Board needs representation from all our communities and would welcome someone from Cartwright, Scugog Island, and Reach areas. The board meets about 4-5 times per year and hosts 3 speaker series, 3 historical walks and of course our Antique show fundraisers. If you are interested in volunteering for the Board please get in touch as we sure could use more help as we grow.

Enjoy spring and hope to see you at the first Speaker Series on April 18th.

## Lake Scugog Historical Society BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2022-2023

President: Marilyn Pearce  
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Lake Scugog Historical Society &  
Scugog Memorial Library

present

## How to Use Scugog's Digital Newspaper Collection

*A workshop on research tips  
and best practices.*

**April 26, 2023 - 2:00 -3:30 pm**

Rotary Room – Scugog Library.

Cover photo taken at Pioneer Days, August 2014.





# Bill's Book Review



BILL MINORS

## THE GHOSTS THAT HAUNT ME Memoirs of a Homicide Detective By Steve Ryan – Dundurn Press

Many of you will be familiar with Steve Ryan as he is now the crime reporter for CP24 news channel. Prior to that, as the title suggests, he was a homicide detective on the Metro Toronto Police Force.

If you follow the news at all you will be familiar with many of the cases. As he says in the Preface "The stories aren't just stories; they are the retelling of people's deaths." The first one he recounts really did bring back memories, as it was a huge story at the time. I refer to the murder of 12 year-old Emanuel Jaques, whose body was found on a rooftop at Yonge & Dundas. Ryan was only a teenager at the time, but he figures Toronto lost its innocence at that time.

Ryan explains that when a child goes missing special abduction protocols are implemented. Such was the case when 10 year old Holly Jones was reported missing. Sadly this became a homicide investigation when her body washed up on Ward's Island. This was Ryan's first murder investigation as a detective.

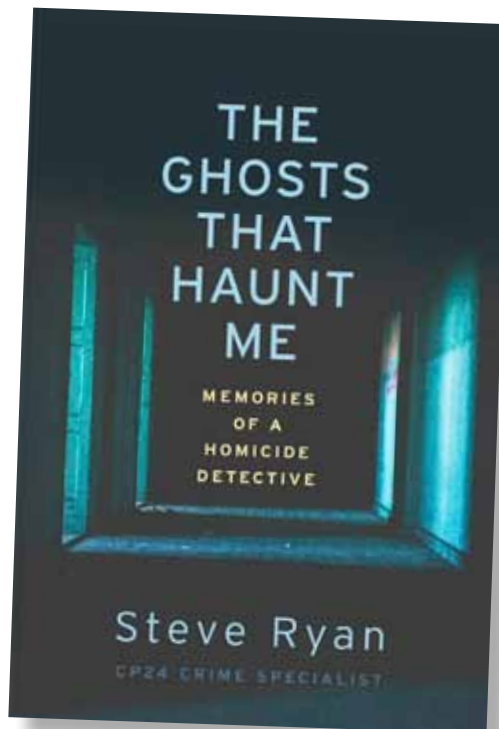
Strangely enough one of the few clues was a bag of dumbbells found with the body. Police Chief Julian Fantino made the controversial decision to do a DNA canvass of Holly's Junction neighbourhood. During the canvass, two constables spoke to a

man named Briere, who refused to give a sample. However they looked behind him and in addition to seeing dumbbells, there was a strong smell of bleach, indicating a hasty clean-up. Briere then became a Person of Interest.

Although Briere did not provide his DNA, Canadian law allows its acquisition from anything discarded. The following read like something out of a TV cop show. A surveillance team watched Briere's residence, one day he went for a stroll while sipping a can of soda. He tossed the empty can in a garbage bin, and they had their DNA. It was a match and Briere got 25 years in prison.

There are many other fascinating cases described in the book. Some seemed not that long ago, such as the surgeon who murdered his wife, who was also a doctor, put her body in a suitcase and threw it in the Humber River. Ryan suggests that many criminals

get caught either because they are too stupid, or they think they are so smart they will get away with it. Ryan writes very well and is particularly good at describing his thought processes and emotions while at work. Highly recommended.





# ARCHIVES

## A Mirror into a Community's Past



By  
Marilyn Pearce

**THE LAST EDITION** of the Lake Scugog Historical Society newsletter featured a new name "The Archivist". It was hoped that the new name would provide insight into one of the main roles of a Historical Society – preserving our archival past. Our past isn't just about historic buildings, or pioneer cemeteries but also about the people, the events, the challenges and the successes of the community.

Many history books present an incomplete record of Canada's past and the reason for the distorted picture is a shortage of available documents. Here in Scugog there is a large archival collection at the Scugog Shores Museum so large though that folks wanting to donate their archives to it are sometimes frustrated when it has to be turned down to a lack of space.

What is an Archive? An accumulation of historical records such as letters, reports, minute books, maps, and photos. They differ from artifacts which are objects that are of cultural or historical interest. More and more the importance of historical records in documenting a community history is being requested and LSHS is trying to respond to those requests and constantly contacting community members and local historians to help us answer the inquiries.

Fortunately this community loves their history and while all the history cannot be found just in our Museum or with LSHS it can usually be located by local inquiries. But what happens when those long-time residents, businesses and historians pass on what happens to the archival record they left behind- hopefully not a recycling bin or a green garbage bag.



Over the past three years LSHS has digitized the local newspapers from 1857 up to 1996 and recently added the Focus magazine collection to our site. The early newspapers were becoming more and more fragile and their deterioration would result in the loss of a great deal of local history. The goal was to protect and permanently preserve these historical records of the development of the community.

At the recent Antique Show, LSHS featured an exhibit of the growth of the Caesarea community and we were overwhelmed with the amount of new information that came forward that day – information that will be added to our files. Families brought us photos, stories and memorabilia that helps record the historic roots of that village and its growth. Records that may have been lost or only shared with immediate family have been documented and shared with the community.

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Photos: left, Port Perry photographer William Leonard's cabinet card.  
Above, from top, Pioneer era Postal Card 1887; Historical Scugog Event; WWII Ration Book.

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LSHS was also approached last month by the local Oddfellows Association – Warriner Lodge No. 75. After 150 years of operating as a fraternal organization the membership was rapidly declining and they felt they no longer could exist without amalgamating with another I.O.O.F group. The loss of this organization whose purpose was “ODD” - was to share what little worldly goods they had with the less fortunate. Their commands were to “ Visit the Sick, Bury the Dead, Relieve the Distressed and Educate the Orphan”. Most of us did not understand the role they played in a community’s development.

In Scugog for many years they supplied medical equipment such as walkers, wheel chairs, and crutches to those who needed them – free of charge and delivered to your door. This organization founded in 1891 called the LSHS because the record of all that was accomplished might be lost. The historical records including the attendance books, glass slides, framed photos of former members and the minute books were saved because the Lodge organization reached out to the local historical society.

More and more LSHS is receiving these requests and we welcome the chance to preserve these archival documents however the Society’s challenge now is to find the best way to do that so the recorded history can be interpreted by anyone at any time. Original documents, photos, recorded oral stories and even local souvenirs are the best way to ensure our community has accurate information about how we developed and prospered. With the co-operation of the community, our donors and members saving stories and the memories is just as important as saving the physical side of our history.

Communities thrive when residents share their stories – like one big family. Heritage Buildings are community assets and so are Community Memories. It is our hope that the Historical Society through the newsletter and social media can help to research, rediscover and piece together accurate information for the community as well as future generations. Working together we can offer a more complete picture of why we celebrate our history by preserving our archival history.

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**Recent additions:** Warriner Lodge Ribbon/  
Postcard/Events/Souvenirs/Photos



## 2023

- 1**      **April 18: Speaker Series: 7:30 p.m.**  
            Outrageous Misfits: Craig Russell story  
            St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Port Perry
- 2**      **May 6: PPHS 150th Anniversary/Reunion**  
            May 6, 2023 - Port Perry High School
- 3**      **May 16: LSHS Annual General Meeting: 7:00 pm**  
            Speaker TBA 7:30 pm  
            Presentation of Bill and Claudette Brock Heritage Award  
            St. John’s Presbyterian Church 319 Queen St.
- 4**      **June 11: Historical Walk Pine Grove Cemetery**  
            Tentative Event - Prince Albert: 2pm  
            Paul Arculus tour of Scugog’s Medical professionals
- 5**      **July 11: Historical Tour of Port Perry - 6:00 p.m.**  
            Peter Wokral led tour of Queen St. architecture  
            Meet at Old Mill in Palmer Park
- 6**      **Sept. 17: Northern Reach Twp. History - 2:00 p.m.**  
            The Pines Cemetery Walk - 1 p.m.  
            Historical Exhibit and Talk - Greenbank Hall at 2:00 pm
- 7**      **Oct. 10: Speaker Series - 7:30 p.m.**  
            St. John’s Church, 319 Queen St.
- 8**      **Oct. 21/22: Antique Show & Sale Fundraiser**  
            Scugog Community Centre 10am- 4pm both days
- 9**      **Nov. 14: LSHS Speaker Series - 7:30 p.m.**  
            **Dr. Amy Barron:** Topic: “*What Do Archaeologists*  
  *Do When the World is At War*”  
            St. John’s Church, 319 Queen St.
- 10**     **Dec. 12: Xmas Social Show & Tell:**  
            Piano Café: 7-9 p.m.  
            “ Bring along your best” historical Scugog item  
            and LSHS will do the same

*Print & Save for future reference.*





## HOW THE “ICE OUT” RECORDS ARE TABULATED

I've often be asked how the “official date” for the ice leaving Lake Scugog is determined – so here’s the story as it was told to me.

Fifty-five years ago this spring, after arriving to work at *The Port Perry Star*, I was given the job of recording the official date the ice melted and disappeared from Lake Scugog.

Records for this eagerly awaited event have been published since 1872 in the local newspapers, so there have been numerous individuals who have taken on the task of proclaiming the “official date” the ice disappears.

In more recent years – meaning the past century – the chore was carried out by the likes of Port Perry Star publisher Samuel Farmer, until his death in 1948. The tradition was carried on by members of the Farmer family, until 1963 when the paper was sold to my father Per Hvidsten.

Following the change of ownership it’s unclear who took up the cause, but it’s most likely that *Star* employees like Clive Boyd, Archie Farmer, Bill Harrison and Per Hvidsten, would have taken their turn to trudge along Queen Street to the lakefront to record this important annual ritual. It was only after I arrived in 1967, that the ‘prestigious’ job was happily passed on to the youngest member of the staff.

The process, as explained to me, was quite simple. Walk to the end of the government wharf, scan north to the horizon and make the call. If the ice had completely disappeared from the surface of the lake looking north – then this was the date the ice left Lake Scugog.

Of course, this over simplification of the process did cause problems at times – especially if a strong wind from the north moved an ice field back into the bay the following day. Other contradictions would come from residents living along the shoreline in other areas of the lake, who claimed the ice left earlier or later, as is often the case.

Prior to 1918, when the government pier was constructed, there are no records of how the our ancestors determined when the ice was officially out. At that time Port Perry’s lakefront did not resemble the lakefront of today. The railway rolled through what is now Palmer Park and Lake Scugog’s shoreline was lined with industries from where Birdseye Centre is today, to Hwy. 7A.

So, just where the men who recorded the “ice out” stood to pronounce the end of winter in those earlier years we are not certain.

But this year, like the past 55 years, I will make my way to the wharf at the end of Queen St. sometime in late March or April and determine the official date the ice goes out.

Anybody want a job for the next half century?



**Earliest Date: March 15, 2012**



**Latest Date: April 29, 1965**

By J. Peter Hvidsten



## SCUGOG SHORES MUSEUM VILLAGE & ARCHIVES

# DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Robin Pegg, Interim Curator

THE Scugog Shores Museum Village and Archives are pleased to announce that the Township of Scugog was successful in obtaining the Canadian Heritage Museums Assistance Program's Digital Access to Heritage grant in the amount of \$71,788. As a result, the museum staff can begin a digitization project.

The project itself involves scanning archival materials, photographing artifacts, and converting microfilm materials with OCR capabilities. In addition, materials will be digitally enhanced where necessary for a clean and uniform look on the digital platform (ex. removing backgrounds and ensuring color levels are similar).

An inventory will also be kept during the project and the Museum's collections database, PastPerfect, will be updated with proper locations, condition reports, images, and record information. Moreover, a digital exhibit will be created to culminate the project.

As the Museum and Archives is only accessible in-person, and for part of the year, by appointment only,

this project will ultimately allow us to showcase our collection year-round and to those who might not be able to access our space due to barrier (i.e., distance, lack of transportation, etc.). Once the project is complete, people from across Canada will be able to enjoy the collection, including the artwork of famous cartoonist Jimmie Frise, as well as artifacts representing the Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation.

As the past few years have shown us the importance of digital access, especially when connecting in-person is not feasible, staff are very excited to have the opportunity to redefine the Museum in a digital age. Not only will this digitization project help us fulfill our mandate of preserving the history and heritage of Scugog and educating visitors, but it will also aid us in meeting the needs of our guests and expand our audiences. It truly is an exciting time, and we look forward to when the project is completed.

# SCUGOG SHORES MUSEUM - 2023

## SCUGOG SHORES MUSEUM OPENS FOR THE SEASON Wednesday, May 24

Join us at the Museum to explore the 11 buildings of our historic pioneer village and the Ojibway Heritage Interpretive Lands. Guided tours are provided Wednesday to Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm throughout the summer. Regular admission rates apply.

## CANOE THE NONQUON Saturday, June 3

Don't miss the 53rd annual canoe race that takes place in Port Perry. The race was started in 1969 by the Lake Scugog Historical Society as a fundraiser for the Scugog Shores Museum. It is sanctioned by the Ontario Marathon Canoe and Kayak Racing Association (OMCKRA).

## NORTHERN RAMBLERS CAR SHOW Saturday, June 10

The Scugog Shores Museum welcomes the Northern Ramblers Car Club for their annual All American Motors Car Show and Swap Meet! Special Event admission rates apply.

## HERITAGE DAY Sunday, August 20

Celebrating the rich history of Port Perry, the Scugog area, and Durham region, this fun family-friendly event has something for everyone to enjoy. Visitors will be treated to various heritage demonstrations, such as blacksmithing, weaving, spinning, and wood carving. Guests may also explore the Museum's historic buildings and learn about their history. Special Event admission rates apply.

## ADVENTURES AT THE BOO-SEUM Sunday, October 22

Are you looking to have a spook-tacular time? Join us at the Museum for our 5th annual Halloween event.

## CHILDREN'S OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FOR THE SEASON Sunday, December 3

Get into the merriment of the season as you step back in time and learn about Christmas traditions of the 19th century. Delight in the sights, sounds, and smells of the holiday season as you tour the village decorated with evergreen boughs, berries, and ribbons. Special Event admission rates apply.

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For more information please contact the Scugog Shores Museum at 905-985-8698 ext.103 or [www.scugog.ca/museum](http://www.scugog.ca/museum)

# SIX GENERATIONS OF FAMILY ATTEND PPHS

Port Perry High School has been around for 150 years now which is very exciting to think about! I will be attending PPHS next year and that will mark six generations of my family going to our town's high school.

It all started with Emma Josephine Bigelow. Daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Paxton) Bigelow was 16 when the high school opened.

Next was David Carnegie. He was born in 1884 in Raglan and at the age of 4, he and his family moved to Port Perry. He ended up dropping out to work. His wife, Marion Bigelow McCaw, was born in 1891 in Port Perry. She lived in the famous Bigelow house which is right down the street from the high school.



By EVAN MONSMA

## 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](http://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.

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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](mailto: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!!

My great grandfather, David Gordon Carnegie, was born in 1923 in a house on Cochrane Street across from the Bigelow house and he lived there for most of his life. It was easy access to the high school. His wife, Margaret Janet Jamieson Bigwood, lived in Toronto and did not attend Port Perry High School.

My grandparents, Terry Howsam and Janet Carnegie, both went to PPHS. Janet lived in the family home down the street from the high school so she had an easy walk to it. Also, on top of that, my mother and father, Leslie Howsam and Chris Monsma both attended Port Perry High School in the late 1990's.

And now, as of next year, I will become the sixth generation of my family to attend Port Perry High School. And I hope there are many more generations of my family to attend our town's historic high school in the future.

## Lake Scugog Historical Society receives \$5,000 grant from Aldred-Mooney Foundation

Lake Scugog Historical Society was thrilled to have received a \$5,000 grant towards digitization of the Port Perry newspapers in November last year. The grant from the Durham Community Foundation, is distributed for the Joel Aldred and Anne Mooney-Aldred Foundation, for which DCF administers.

The grant enabled the LSHS to complete Phase Three of the Scugog Digital Newspaper Project, which is now available online at:

<https://vitacollections.ca/lshs-news/search>

This leaves only the final phase of this massive project to be completed, which is the digitization of Port Perry Star newspapers dated 1992-2001.



Beverley Bettens, Director, Durham Community Foundation, presenting LSHS president Marilyn Pearce the \$5,000 grant.



# Out & About

## ANTIQUÉ SHOW & SALE



More than 1,100 antique enthusiasts attend the two-day show.



Janis and Marilyn at the refreshment booth.

### LSHS Antique & Nostalgia Show

Another successful Lake Scugog Historical Society "Antique Show" fundraiser took place recently on a very cold & wintery February weekend but it did not deter the crowd of folks looking for something for their home or collections.

More than 1,100 attended the event, many with great interest in our Caesarea exhibit. New photos and stories of Scugog's Cottage Community were shared with our local historians Peter Hvidsten & Paul Arculus.

Watch for Peter's new book on Caesarea coming out soon as well by popular demand LSHS has decided to convene an October Antique show so mark October 21 & 22 on your calendar. All proceeds from these shows support our projects and programs.



Paul manning the "books for sale" table.



Wayne and Carol Luke, first time vendors at show.

# CAESAR CEMETERY

Researched by  
**Janice Carter**  
April 2022



*The Caesar family burials in the Caesar Cemetery.*

**JAMES CAESAR** moved from Co. Cavan, Ireland to Cartwright Township in 1836 and purchased Conc 6 Lot 11, 100 acres and Conc 6 Lot 13, 200 acres, as well as other lots to the north, especially in Conc 8 where Caesarea was established.

By the time of the printing of the 1861 Tremaine's Atlas, he owned portions of Conc 6 Lots 10, 11, & 12; Conc 7 Lot 10 & 11, Conc 8 Lots 12, 13, 14, 15. It is said that he owned 1000 acres in the NW corner of Cartwright Township. On the 1861 map, he is referred to as Major James Caesar. According to some Cartwright history, two Caesar men, two Muirhead men and others joined the militia to fight during the 1837 Rebellion. Possibly James' military title came from the rebellion.

James died in January, 1866 and willed to the Synod of Toronto, a graveyard of two acres in Conc 6 Lot 11. Registry # 6357. In 1840 he had petitioned the Bishop to establish a church in the township. A location could not be agreed on, until it was finally built in 1850 one mile east of Blackstock.

In the cemetery, there are four white stone pillars standing in a row, in the center of the graveyard, containing Caesar burials and the year.

The earliest burials, according to surviving stones were Job Caesar and George McClenaghan both died in 1838. However, history says that George McCleaghan was the first man to die in the township. At the time, there were apparently only 9 men living in the township and they all attended the funeral.

Some of the families buried in this cemetery:

## **CAESAR:**

The Caesars have been a rather elusive family to trace, in spite of being one of the earliest settling families of Cartwright Township and having a village named after them.

In the 1842 Cartwright census, there is a James, Sr and James Jr, and Henry Caesar.

In the 1848 Cartwright census, there is a James Caesar on Conc 8 Lot 14, 4 in the family, one female between the ages of 5 & 14, two males between the ages of 21& 30 and one male aged between 40

&60.

In the 1851 Cartwright census, James seems to be in a log house with a household of several people with various surnames. James, age 45, Sarah A Caesar, 88, Thomas Caesar, 17, Jane Kells 56 widowed, Mary Ann Kells 57 widowed, Jane Kells 21, as well as David Deacon 24, Mary Marcia C 56, and Cathrine Culack 14. All listed as family members.

Was this possibly a family of brothers & sisters who came from Ireland to Cartwright and founded Caesarea?

In the 1861 Cartwright census, there is James Caesar, single age 58, gentleman, Jane Kells, age 65, widowed and Thomas Caesar, age 24, thresher.

All these people were born in Ireland.

Thomas Caesar had a son Thomas, born Nov 1864, died Feb 1945 in Whitby, buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. He was married to Sarah Moore Crandell 1872-1958.

Henry and Mary Caesar came from Ireland at a later date. They had a son Thomas, born 1838, died July 1868. He married Elora Mallory, daughter of Alva and Prudence Mallory of Cartwright in Jan 1866. By 1871, Elora was a widow, living with her parents and siblings along with Thomas, age 2 and Frederick age 1.

James Caesar was the first Cartwright Council Chairman in 1837, holding the position every year but two until 1845. Presumably a second James Caesar held the position of Treasurer or Collector over the same time. Job Caesar was the first Assessor and Henry Caesar was an Overseer of Roads in 1839.

Surviving burials stones are for Jno died 1854, Job died 1838, Henry died 1847, James died 1866 and Jane Kells died 1866.

## **BEACOCK:**



The Beacock family settled in Conc 5 & 6 lots 8 & 9, right near the lake.

In the 1861 Cartwright census, Abraham 63 and Harriott, 65 are listed with their family, Harriott 18, Malinda 25, Harriot L 6, Abraham 4 and Sarah J 2. (Malinda was the wife of William and the three children are theirs). Close by are Isaac 25, a farmer and Mary 31 and a family of 4 children: William J 12, Mary A 10, Abraham 8, Charlotte J 4. Also close by is George 36, a farmer and Elizabeth A 34 and a family of 4 children: William T 12, Harriot G 10, Mary J 8 and Matthew A 6.

Abraham is listed as head of house in the 1842 census. Abraham and Harriett and their granddaughter Harriet Lucinda are buried here.

*(This information is referenced from someone else's family tree and I have not verified it all.)*

## DEACON:

David Deacon lived at Conc 6 Lot 12. The family first appear on the 1861 census, although he is listed with James Caesar in the 1851 census. David married into the Proutt family, another early Cartwright family. He was known as a good Orangeman.

There is a large stone in the cemetery with many family names on it.

## GRAXTON:

*(taken from "Scugog Island Early Settlers, J Carter)*

In Weir's book, "Scugog and its Environs" Mr Weir states that due to some discovered government papers, Joseph Graxton was the first settler on Scugog Island.

In going through the Abstract Index Books for land records on Scugog, I found Francis Graxton purchasing parts of 2 lots, Conc 12 Lot 4, 50 acres and Conc 11 Lot 10, possibly 150 acres, in 1827 and selling them both in 1842. He was assessed on Conc 13 Lot 10 in the 1838 Cartwright Assessment. In looking at maps of Scugog, there is little doubt that both of these lots would have been affected by the flooding caused by the building of the Lindsay dam in 1829.

By the 1851 census, Francis and his extensive family were living in Cartwright Township, Conc 8 Lot 12, with their name spelled Gregston in the census. Further research shows that in England the name was likely spelled Gregston. Francis seems to have moved around the province quite a bit in his life. In the 1861 census the family is in Lambton County, Ontario. Others searching his family have said that he immigrated to Bytown, married Elizabeth Hubbell in Brockville. His children have births listed as Brockville, Leeds and Grenville (probably also Brockville), Whitby, Scugog, Reach, Cartwright, and Prescott. He also moved his family to Lambton Co and to Simcoe Co at some point. After this, the name is spelled Grexton.



## FRAYER / VINCENT / SHEPARD / MUIRHEAD / WATSON

Elizabeth Pepworth first married George Vincent and second married Jacob Muirhead. The Muirhead family were possibly UEL (United Empire Loyalists). They and George Vincent were a couple of Cartwright's early families. Three of Elizabeth's daughters are buried in this cemetery: Eliza Vincent and Paul Frayer; Agnes Muirhead and Albert Shepard; Annie Vincent and John Watson. Paul Frayer came from Prince Edward County in the mid 1850's and lived in a cottage in the location where the Beacon Marina became established. The Watsons arrived in 1865.

## McCLENAGHAN:

George McClenghan, born Ireland, was the first burials in 1838. He was probably killed by a falling tree. Although his wife and family of two lived in the area until 1871, the name does not show up in the early census records. The son John and family went to Michigan sometime after 1868.

## TAYLOR:

William Taylor is listed in the Cartwright 1842 census. In the 1848 census, his is listed on Conc 6 Lots 9 & 10. A school, possibly the first in the township was established on his land called Taylor's Corner.

His son Anson is mentioned quite often in Cartwright Revisited, by Doreen Van Camp.

Pictures of William and his wife can be found at the Scugog Shores Museum, Scugog Island.

*Transcriptions of the cemetery can be purchased at Cartwright Township  
– Ontario Ancestors (ogs.on.ca)*



# Scugog Sports Hall of Fame

By LEANNE ASHBRIDGE

## Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Scugog Sports Hall Of Fame (SSHOF) annual Induction Ceremony event is planned for Thursday April 20. Doors open at 6:30 pm at the Scugog Community Centre. This is a free event and all are welcome. The following nominations have been selected for 2023 and will join the Sports Hall of Fame alumni.

### BUILDER CATEGORY

#### **Rick Finlay - President of Port Perry Angels**

Rick was asked by the club founder, Don Hurst, in 1992, to take on the role of President. He has held that position for 30 years.

### ATHLETE CATEGORY

#### **Bob Carnegie - Lacrosse**

Bob played lacrosse with the Brooklin Redmen from 1957-1963 winning all Ontario championships in 1957, 1958, and 1959. In 1961-1963 he won the Senior 'A' OLA (Ont Lacrosse Assoc) championship in all three years.

Playing for the Whitby Red Wings in 1960, he won the Ontario and Eastern Canada Jr A championships and finished second in the Canadian Minto Cup in New Westminster BC.

Many Scugog athletes travelled to other neighbouring communities to compete in sports and have also been inducted into their HOF's including Garnet Warriner, Bill Cornish and others.

### TEAM CATEGORY

#### **Goreski's Broomball team 1986 All Ontario Champions**

This team was the first in Port Perry to win a provincial broomball championship. Port Perry Broomball Association was active in Port Perry from 1969 to 1999.



*Goreski Broomball team members, front left: Bill Owen, Dan Taylor, Randy Sullivan, Ed Olsen, Tom Powell. Centre left: Bruce Woodrow, Dave Dickson, Ray Gibson, Wayne McGuigan, Bill St. John, Tim Cochrane and sponsor Ken Goreski. Back left: Charlie Dennis, Mark Lee, Bart Wager and Tom Carroll.*

**Make plans now to visit the next SSHOF exhibit,  
"Jerseys, Jackets and Summer Memories",  
that will be unveiled in May.**

This exhibit will highlight the inducted softball builders along with softball and summer artifacts and archives from the HOF collection. The exhibit is located at the arena in the Pad 2 viewing area.

If you have any memories or items that would enhance the exhibit especially about lacrosse or archery please contact [liashbridge@gmail.com](mailto:liashbridge@gmail.com). The fall and winter exhibit is still on display until mid- April and is open to the public during arena hours and admission is free.

Tickets for this year's HOF event may be ordered by calling the arena at 905-985-8695.





Last year Lake Scugog Historical Society saw significant membership growth as we finally surpassed 100 members for the first time since the early years of our organization.

For those of you unfamiliar with how LSHS has evolved over the past 54 years, let's look back at a brochure that was created for 1972 that appeared in an early newsletter. It was probably written by Bill Brock, Chairman of Museum Board at the time. This is also prior to the formation of Durham Regional Government which created the Township of Scugog in 1975.

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUSEUM

### 1969:

- Formation of Lake Scugog Historical Society ( April)
- First "Canoe the Nonquon" (June) earns funds for moving the Log Cabin (donated by J.K. Lawrence of Nestleton and moved from Manvers Township in 1972)
- Third edition of Samuel Farmer's book "On the Shores of Scugog" ( Nov.) provides more funds.

### 1970:

- Head United Church officially closed by the United Church of Canada. Title passes to Scugog Township Council.
- Museum Board formed by joint agreement of the Councils of Reach, Scugog and Port Perry and the Lake Scugog Historical Society.
- Museum takes 50 year lease on Head Memorial Church and grounds
- Agreement between Museum Board and the United Church Women of the Head of Scugog re sharing the church facilities and cost of maintenance
- First agreement with Ontario County School Board for use of the Scugog Island School as a summer museum

### July 1970:

- Opening ceremonies of Scugog Shores Historical Museum. Opening of the Scugog Shores Craft Centre under Mrs. Catherine Martyn. First Church service and native basket-making demonstration.

### 1971:

- Donation of the contents of the former Patterson home in Prince Albert by Mr. V. Groupe of St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Second agreement with Ontario County Board of Education.
- Lights from Prospect United Church installed in Head Church.

### Sept.1, 1971:

- Date of 99 year lease on Head School from Ontario County Board of Education
- Installation of James L. Frise memorial plaque on Museum grounds

### 1972:

- The Royal Bank announces that it will pay the salary of a student to direct the Craft Centre in summer 1972
- Lee House moved from Greenbank to the museum site. It will in the future be outfitted as an historic home typical of those found in Reach, Port Perry or Scugog in the late 19th century. Its basement will provide a work area and storage for furniture.

The ground plan for the Museum village was suggested by B. Napier Simpson, a Toronto architect who had done much restoration work at the Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto.

This brochure ended with the comments "Problems, Problems, Problems – many of which still exist today although a few have been rectified when in 2006 with a dwindling membership and volunteers the LSHS and Museum Board asked the Township of Scugog to adopt the museum as a Municipal Museum and the Council of the day wanting to preserve this significant resource agreed.

### Which brings us to today :

Seventeen Years later and fortunate to be able to welcome new members and volunteers who recognize the value of preserving and protecting our history. Two of "the problems" identified in 1972 included "to do research locally and to clean and prepare displays" – the other three problems are being managed by the Township - grounds maintenance, building restoration, artifact restoration. Working together we can ensure the 50 year old vision is accomplished.

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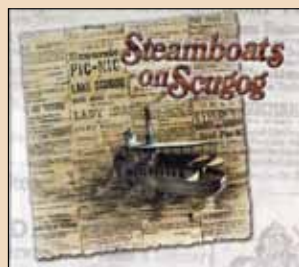


### On the Shores of Scugog



by Samuel Farmer

A reprint of the definitive  
book by Samuel Farmer  
on the history of Scugog.  
First printed in 1913 and  
revised in 1934 & 1968.  
Cost: \$20



A history of steamboat-  
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Snippets about 80  
of interesting and  
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Cost: \$10

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# Out & About

## SHOW & TELL NIGHT

Lake Scugog Historical Society celebrated the Christmas season by hosting a members "Show & Tell" night at the Piano Café. Folks were challenged to bring something from their personal collections of Scugog history.

Some great memories were recounted as we looked at Greenbank souvenirs from Isabel Lee, the Brock family memories from their cottage and store, the handcrafted history of his Chevrolet by Ted Wright, the Bills of Sale found in an old tool box by David Ankrett at Ambleside and even the key from Joseph Bigelow's house as shown by Bev Brown.

Hot cider, Xmas treats and many more stories were shared with a consensus that this must become an Annual Event.



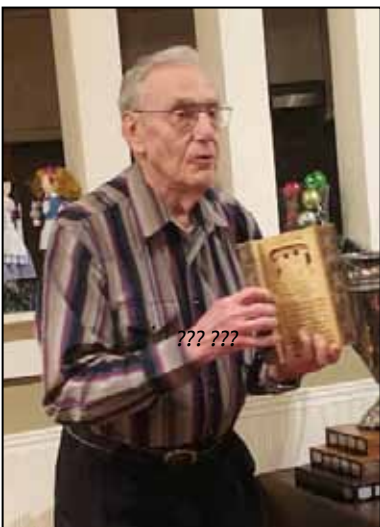
Bev Brown



Prancing horse manufactured by the Beaverton Toy Company.



Left, Marina, Claudette and Julie Brock show off some historical items from the Brock family.



Ted Wright



Early dresser jar souvenir show by Isabel Lee, Greenbank.



David Ankrett shows items found from an Ambleside farm tool box.

# 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.

**RENEW NOW FOR 2023 - DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2023.**

## MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Receive three yearly newsletter delivered by email or traditional Canada Post mail. (*members preference*)
- Free admission to Speaker Series.
- Email reminders of upcoming events.
- Discounts of 10% on book purchases of Society publications.

Please fill out this form and continue to support the Lake Scugog Historical Society as we preserve, protect and tell the stories of our heritage.



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