



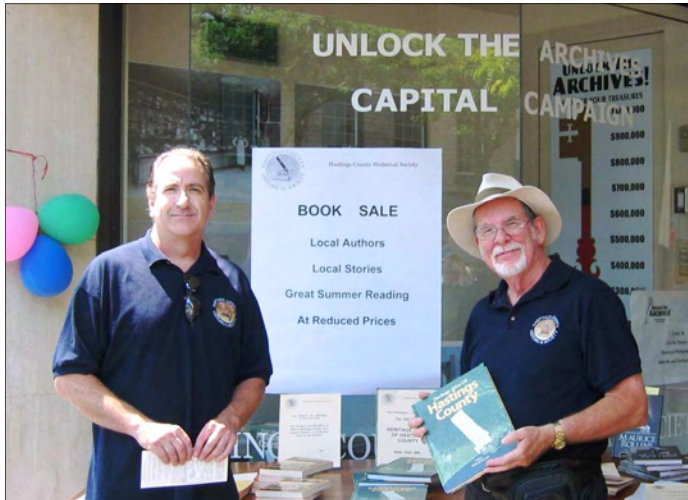
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The photos above depict just two of the events your Historical Society was active in over the summer. John Lowry (left) and Orland French man the Capital Campaign HQ during the Front Street outdoor sale. *Photo: Bill Kennedy*



Two of the contestants at the 2012 Hastings County Farm Show and Plowing Match. The Society and the Community Archives had a well received exhibit including a new display on the 1961 & 1986 International Plowing Matches. *Photo: Bobby-Jo Morris*

Will Freeman and his “Brownie” Photographs of Hastings in 1912

By Bill Kennedy



When Will Freeman acquired his Brownie box camera as a teenager over a century ago he quickly became an avid photographer. The photograph above of a Hastings County sawmill crew and those on page four were taken in 1912 during a job assignment with the railway company he worked for

when he was twenty-six years old. They are a permanent record of “a day in the life” of our county’s past.

Will Freeman, the grandfather of Historical Society member Mary Jane Throop, was born in Godfrey, Ontario, just north of Kingston. He had an adventurous spirit, and after growing up on the farm and going to school whenever farm work didn’t intervene, he got a job working on the railway branch lines running to the smaller communities of Eastern Ontario. It was one of those branch lines that led him to Crosby, Ontario where he met and married the local school teacher, Elva Moore, in 1917.

In an interview with her grandfather for a high school project in 1967, Mary Jane records that the Central Ontario Railway line running from Picton to Maynooth just north of Bancroft had branch lines built to serve the mining and pulp and paper industries along the way. During his sojourn as a worker

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British Redcoats Save the Day Step into “Major” Breach

By Bill Kennedy



Re-enactors from the “War of 1812” joined the Historical Society for its public event in May just before the summer break . On the left in a green drummer jacket with the red epaulets is Peter Johnson. The man with the axe and the leather apron is Mike Janssens, a red-coated pioneer. On the right, John Bradshaw holds his musket at the ready, the classic picture of a British Redcoat. The three military men are joined by our very own Town Crier, Bruce Bedell *Photo: Nick White*

The phone call reached Society Program Director, Anne Rector, a half-hour ahead of the Society’s final meeting before summer break. It was from the evening’s guest speaker, Major John Grodzinski of the Royal Military College, Kingston. He wasn’t coming. He was tied up in an impossible traffic jam as the result of an earlier accident on Highway 401. All four lanes were closed. All traffic was being shunted to Highway 2. It was a scene out of a Stephen King novel. He would be lucky to reach Belleville by midnight.

People were already filling the meeting room seats at the Quinte Living Centre, and by the 7:30 start time, nearly one hundred were waiting patiently for the major to step to the podium to make his presentation on the War of 1812. He is a renowned authority on the conflict and participated in the recent Canadian/American PBS “War of 1812” television documentary. His thesis on *The War of 1812 on the Upper St. Lawrence River* was nominated for the Governor General’s Gold Medal for Academic Excellence. It fell to President Hughes to deliver the “missing-in-action” communiqué. But then, from the jaws of de-

feat, victory! The Redcoats stepped into the breach and saved the day.

Their names were Peter Johnson, John Bradshaw and Mike Janssens. The three men had been asked to join Major Grodzinski to demonstrate the military uniforms and accoutrements of the period. They are re-enactors of battles long past, and with the major fighting his own battle somewhere near the Napanee front, each man did a superb job of explaining the significance of his attire and the actions he would have been expected to fulfill in the line of duty.

Two hundred years ago each man would have been issued one shirt, one pair of pants and one pair of shoes. Distinctive uniforms were important. Fire-arms back then produced ten times the amount of smoke than they do today. A thousand muskets fired simultaneously created “the fog of war” and knowing whom to shoot at could depend entirely on what the man in front of you was wearing.



The rifleman, John Bradshaw (in real life he’s a member of the Princess Patricia Regiment in Edmonton, but says dressing up in old uniforms is more fun), would get twenty bullets and ten blanks per year for practice. The weapons were notoriously inaccurate. Soldiers had about one chance in five of hitting something unless they were advancing against the solid phalanx of the enemy, which was the common mode of fighting in those days. The battles fought between the British and Americans in North America from 1812 to 1814 coincided with the Napoleonic Wars in Europe and while in no way comparable to them in magnitude they were nevertheless violent and bloody. The three-sided bayonet, for example, was used because it was difficult if not impossible to sew up a three-sided wound.

Mike Janssens re-enacted the role of a military pioneer. The pioneers were men inured to hard labour. Their job was to go ahead of the advancing troops to clear obsta-



cles, build roads and erect bridges. It was, said Janssens, the first use of combat engineers in war. And when they were not labouring away with axe, saw or shovel they were expected to fight. They were the only troops allowed to grow beards because they often had to be up and hard at work before dawn when there was no light for shaving.

Criminals in the army were common. Given the choice between serving time in jail or enlisting, many chose the latter. One essential criterion for signing on was that you had to have at least two opposing teeth, one upper and one lower. You needed to be able to bite the paper end off the cartridge preparatory to loading the rifle and firing.



Peter Johnson wore the reversed colours of the drummer, green with white and red trim. His duty was to relay messages using the drum and the fife. He had two fifes with him, one in the key of C and one in the key of B flat, and to the delight of his audience, played a tune from the year 1703. During the War of 1812, he said, it was common for the British to play "Yankee Doodle" just to mock their blue-coated American opponents.

No one in the audience could remember the last time a speaker was unable to make it to a Society meeting. But the unplanned "Plan B" worked like a charm. Thanks again to Messrs Bradshaw, Janssens and Johnson for their excellent performance.

HCHS Education Committee at Work

In recognition of the centennial of WWI in 2014 the Society's Education Committee has undertaken to commemorate the contribution of Hastings County



men and women who served overseas from 1914 to 1918. In the top photo **John Inrig** searches for names in the records on personnel at Belleville's Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment armoury. **George Pearce** is shown standing before a portion of the Godfrey/Douglas military collection of one thousand books recently donated to the Madoc Li-



brary. The photograph of a soldier he is holding is one among those on display. If you have an ancestor from Hastings County who served in WWI and you would be interested in seeing him or her included in this project contact Outlook editor Bill Kennedy.



Canada Day 2012

The Canada Day set up crew pictured on July 1st in the Tom Gavey Pavilion at Zwick's Park. The set up crew were joined by many other volunteers during the day and everyone was definitely needed.

The games and displays of our history (including a new display of **Belleville's Fires and Floods**) attracted hundreds of visitors to the pavilion. Thanks to all the people who stopped by and visited.

Many of the items on the table were prizes for winners of the Historical Society's scavenger hunt. One lucky participant walked off with an electric guitar!

In this picture are Mary-Jane Throop, Breanna Brethour, Nick White, John Lowry, Bobby-Jo Morris (Canada Day Co-ordinator) Marilyn Hughes, Dick Hughes, Sharon White and Al Cleary. You can view the Society's album of Canada Day pictures on our Facebook Site

Photo: Gerry Boyce

The Hastings County Photographs of Will Freeman

Photographs Provided by Society Photo Collections Manager
Mary Jane Throop



Will Freeman *(Cont'd. from page 1)*

with the Temiscaming and Northern Ontario Line while he was still a teenager, Will grew a beard and wore his hair long. This, says Mary Jane, is strange to imagine for a man who was close-cropped and clean-shaven all his life.

The Hastings County photographs on page 4, all of which were taken in the postcard format, are identified clockwise by number. **Number 1** was taken at Millbridge and the two men are identified as Bill Moore and Charles Murphy. **Number 2** is the back of photo **Number 5** taken at Bannockburn and dated May 15, 1912. Addressed to his mother, it reads, "Arrived this afternoon fine and dandy. Will write about the trip and sights a little later. Love to all, Wm Freeman." **Number 3** and the photo on page one are identified as the sawmill at Millbridge. **Number 4**, also believed to be Millbridge, shows a wood frame mill with a sluice and water run. Number 6 is the one photograph taken outside Hastings County, at the Flower railway station near Arnprior, and is included here because Will himself (arrow) is in it. In a letter to his mother while employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway in February 1913 Will writes about the photograph saying "Here is a specimen of the girls growing around Flower Station." Left to right their names are Annie Revill, Evelyn Cameron and Annie Closs. The two men are Thomas Cameron (front) and William Adler, a bridge engineer with the railway.



Will Freeman was the eldest son of John Wesley Freeman and his second wife, Harriet Ann Rowson. Will worked as the stationmaster at Lyndhurst, Ontario, on the Kingston-Brockville-Ottawa line from 1923 to his retirement in the 1950s during which time the family residence was located above the station office. He was just shy of his ninety-third birthday when he died of pneumonia in 1979.

Limerick Township Celebrates 125 Years!

This year, 2012, is a significant year for Limerick Township. Officially designated as part of Hastings County in 1858, and uniting as the Townships of Limerick, Tudor and Wollaston in 1863, it wasn't until January 1887 that the inaugural meeting of the first municipal council for Limerick Township was held in St. Ola. One hundred and twenty-five years later residents and friends of Limerick Township gathered to celebrate the historic mile-



Hastings County Warden Rick Philips (right) extends congratulations to Limerick Township Reeve David Golem on the historic occasion of the township's 125th anniversary.

stone, at the Limerick Community Centre in Ormsby.

On a warm July day Reeve David Golem welcomed guests to a formal recognition of the landmark anniversary, while Limerick youngsters enthusiastically offered township pins and flags to arriving visitors. Brunch was served amid a collection of historic displays – vintage documents, desks and books lent antiquity to the day, while modern technology offered a dazzling slide show of historic photographs. A video and several informative maps were displayed, together with current community information for residents. A commemorative CD and calendar were available for sale, as Councillor Bonnie Weise ensured copies were donated to the Community Archives of Belleville and Hastings County. *(Cont'd. on page 6)*

Limerick Township's 125th Anniversary

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Member of Parliament for Prince Edward & Hastings, Daryl Kramp, led formal presentations to recognize Limerick Township's 125th. Remarking on the incredible contributions of local residents to the broader community, which are the very foundation of co-operative relationships, Mr. Kramp extended federal congratulations on the anniversary of such a historic event.

Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings & Prince Edward, Todd Smith, brought provincial greetings on this significant occasion, inviting his entire family to join him onstage. Wife Tanya, and daughters Paige and Regan, joined Smith in sharing their morning's writing efforts, successfully captur-



Todd Smith, MPP for Hastings and Prince Edward, along with his wife Tanya and their daughters Paige and Regan, delighted the audience with their homemade limericks on the occasion of the Township's 125th anniversary.

ing the spirit of the occasion with celebratory limericks – a levity that delighted the crowd.

Hastings County Warden, Rick Philips, stalwart supporter of local history, offered sincere congratulations and appreciation to Limerick Township for their notable contributions to the history of Hastings County. Philips, who is also the Reeve of Tyendinaga Township, in southern Hastings, good-naturedly joked that Limerick isn't the only township with abundant rocks.

Reeve Golem presented a certificate of appreciation to a former township councillor, Reta Evans. Afterward, he highlighted an article by Mrs. Thomas Ham, written in the 1950's and containing fascinating information about Limerick Township. Golem, together with another local gentleman, managed to locate and label an accompanying Limerick map, with numerous place names (and family names) from Mrs. Ham's article, assisting later generations to find them in future.

MP Daryl Kramp was invited to cut a beautiful anniversary cake made by Diane Percy, something he appeared to have keenly practiced beforehand! Mingling and memorable stories ensued as guests enjoyed a jovial celebration of the lives and efforts of Limerick citizens over the years... a wonderful celebration of Limerick's present day community.

Congratulations to Limerick Township on achieving 125 enriching years!

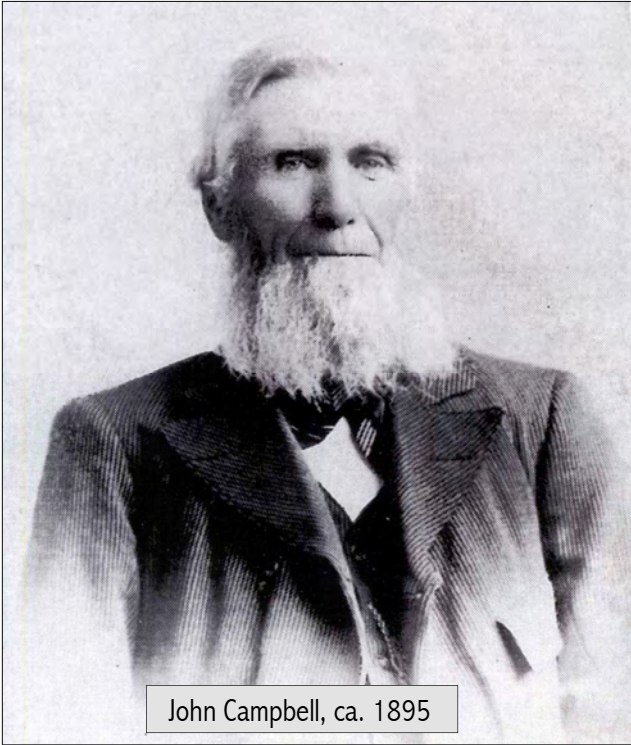
Carlow Township Farmer Sues "Medicine Man"

By Phil Ainsworth

While researching and writing 'broad local history' and 'personal family history', it is not often that stories from these two streams intersect. This is probably because the families of my wife and I led pretty mundane lives, like those of most of us. However, I am always on the outlook for anecdotes to 'spice up' the otherwise ordinary daily routines of our ancestors. Most of these nuggets of 'excitement' come from people's memories, letters from attic shoe-boxes or discovered diaries, and provide snapshots of events from family lives of the past. The following story came from browsing *The Intelligencer* newspaper of March and April 1896, and then doing a bit of related research on the topic.

"An information and complaint was laid by Mr. John Campbell of Conroy's Rapids, a well-known and highly respected farmer of the Township of Carlow, in North Hastings, against a person enjoying the style and title of Dr. Roland Garland Manchusen Noel Douglas, who claims to be an old navy surgeon, for obtaining money and goods under false pretenses. A warrant was issued against him by Police Magistrate Cleak, of

croft, which was executed by Chief of Police B. H. Sweet, and the doctor was brought as a prisoner from near Quyon, in the Prov-



John Campbell, ca. 1895

ince of Quebec. The doctor ranges himself among the millionaires. He elected to be tried in Belleville and was sent down for that purpose to Hotel Appleby

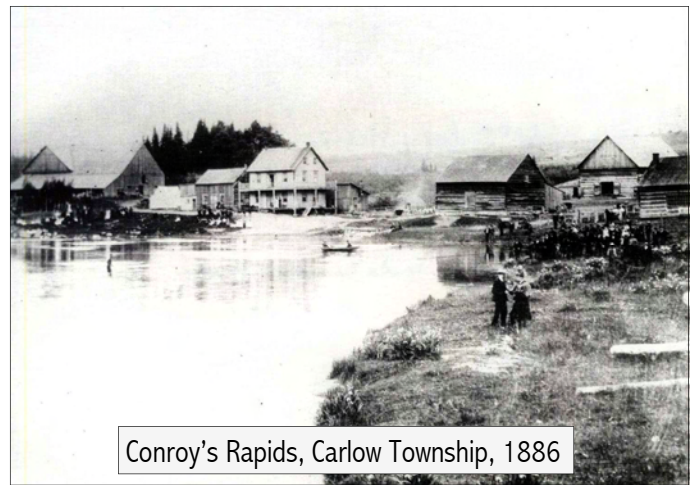
“Constable B. H. Sweet of Ormsby brought here last Thursday Dr. Rowland Garland Manchusen Noel Douglas, who was arrested by him near Quyon, Que., on a charge of obtaining three rifles and money from John Campbell, of Carlow, with intent to defraud. The prisoner was brought before Police Magistrate Cleak, of Bancroft, and committed for trial. He is an old navy surgeon, a Scotchman, and was born at Gibraltar. He has engaged Mr. E. G. Porter to defend him. He was brought before Judge Lazier this morning and elected to be tried by His Honour. No date was fixed for the trial. (*The Intelligencer, March 19, 1896*)

“Judge Lazier this morning passed sentence upon “Dr.” Roland Garland Manchusen Noel Douglas. The prisoner was charged with fraud, in having sold John Campbell, of Carlow Township, what he claimed was a certain cure for cancer and obtained therefore three rifles and an amount of money. The so-called cancer cure proved worthless, hence the action. His Honour sentenced the prisoner to eleven months in the Central Prison and his numerous names go with him. P. J. M. Anderson for the Crown; E. Guss Porter for the accused. (*The Intelligencer, April 8, 1896*)”

John Campbell was my wife’s great-great grandfather

who migrated to North Hastings in the 1870's from Lanark County, Eastern Ontario, where his ancestors had settled after arriving from Scotland in the 1820s. Apparently he had purchased medicine, likely in 1895 or early 1896, from a travelling-salesman, namely Dr. Douglas, that allegedly would cure cancer. It is not known who the medicine was for. According to their death certificates, when Janet died in 1898 the cause was given as paralysis and when John died in 1900 it was from diabetes.

In any event, when the cancer was not cured by the medicine, John Campbell launched a claim against



Conroy's Rapids, Carlow Township, 1886

the ‘doctor’. He had given Douglas three rifles and money in return for the ‘cure’. The ‘doctor’ wound up in the Central Prison (now Kingston Penitentiary) after some time spent in Hotel Appleby (a euphemism for the County jail in Belleville whose gaoler and matron were Lewis and Louise Appleby.

By 1901 Roland Douglas was back living in his home in South Onslow Township, near Pontiac, Quebec, and the census enumerator, under the occupation heading, had recorded him as “*Doctor (Quack)*”!

Needless to say, many descendants of John and Janet Campbell have enjoyed the addition of this tale to the Campbell family story!

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Celebrating The Past

You are invited to attend

The Launch of the 2012 History Moments Series on Saturday, September 29th, 2012 at 7 pm at The Empire Theatre in Belleville.

The History Moments are two-minute video vignettes on local history themes which play before movies at local independent theatres, are broadcast on Cogeco cable television and community websites, and are distributed into area schools, archives, libraries and museums.

This year's series will tell more stories drawn from the rich past of the Quinte area.

The series will also premiere at

The Regent Theatre in Picton at 7 pm on Monday, October 15th, 2012.

Admission is \$15/pp.

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