



Between the waters

Nasagiweya Historical Society Newsletter

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MOFFAT

F. J. Hathaway funeral held

The funeral of the late Frank James Hathaway was held on Monday, March 20, from the Wall funeral home, Guelph, to Eden Mills cemetery for interment.

He is survived by his wife, the former Agnes Hassefeldt, a daughter Mrs. Wilmer Dyson (Alma) and three grandchildren and a great grand child.

Mr. Hathaway spent most of his life in Moffat and he worked for the C.P.R. at Guelph Junction until he was pensioned off a few years ago. He moved to Guelph last year and was a member of Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated in Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. A larger congregation than usual was present.

Three young ladies joined the church by profession of faith and were welcomed into the membership of the Church by the session. The young ladies were Misses Beth Currie, Ruth Ann Elliott and Bonnie Mullen.

On Easter Sunday the sacrament of Baptism will be administered.

The Moffat folks that have been confined to hospital the past weeks are round about again.

We notice some sap buckets on the trees again.



GUELPH MAN AGED 101 BORN IN NASSAGAWEYA

Attributing his longevity to hard work and plenty of it, Hiram Wallace, Guelph's grand old man, last Saturday celebrated his 101st birthday amid the congratulations of friends. He has never had a day's sickness in his life.

He is still able to be around every day, enjoys a "drag" at his pipe after meals and is taking interest in current events. The radio brings him the keenest enjoyment. In his youth bringing home the cattle was an adventure, with constant fear of wolves.

Mr. Wallace is puzzled when he is asked how it feels to be such an age, but he knows "he can still eat three meals a day and also sing—if nobody is listening." Born in the township of Nassagaweya, where the village of Moffat now stands, Mr. Wallace has spent his entire life at the shoemaking trade in this district, which he has seen change from forest to a thriving agricultural area. His family were among the early pioneers of Wellington county, his parents coming out from County of Arundagh, Ireland, 105 years ago. The clearness of his mind is evidenced in the fact that he can still sing every verse of songs learned as a boy.



Parker and Maria Allison son of John Allison (2nd generation, Moffat)

OBITUARY

MRS WILLIAM CUSICK.

Following an illness of two months, Mrs. Christina Carton Cusick, of Moffat, passed away on Tuesday morning, October 3rd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William J. Reid, Brook Avenue, Acton.

Born in Caledon, near Orangeville, 81 years ago, Mrs. Cusick took up residence in Nassagaweya Township 62 years ago at the time of her marriage to the late William Cusick, who predeceased her 16 years ago. She lived in Nassagaweya until recently, when she moved to Acton to live with her daughter.

A member of the Nassagaweya United Church, Mrs. Cusick took a keen interest in the affairs of the Ladies' Aid Society of that church for many years. In politics she was a staunch Conservative.

Surviving are five sons: Charles W. Cusick, Edmonton; Albert E. Cusick, Galt; George Cusick, Guelph; Henry Cusick, New Westminster; Norman Cusick, Wenatche, Washington, U.S.A.; one daughter, Mrs. W. J. Reid, Acton, and three brothers, Matthew O. Carton, Seattle, Washington; Joseph Carton, Toronto; Michael J. Carton, Milton; one son, John, and one sister, Mrs. Alexander Graham, predeceased her several years ago.

The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reid, to Moffat for service in the United Church at three o'clock. Interment was in Moffat Cemetery.—Free Press.



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ARCHITECTURE

Year built: 1859 (house); 1875 (stone barn)
Architect: John Atkinson
Style: Georgian
Building type: Historic landmark

DATES/HOURS OPEN

Sunday only: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Visit the gift shop located in the stone house summer kitchen and stable, where you can see reproduction pottery made for renowned historical sites. Buy local honey, beeswax, antiques and sculptures made of stone and wood. Visit the Loft art and sculpture gallery, which was built by Mennonites. The stone barn was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1988.

Do we know of any architectural buildings that we could obtain the history of. In 2015 Heritage Milton formed a group to complete an inventory of buildings in Nassagaweya that were worth declaring historical.

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Our Mission:

- To research, collect, document and preserve all information of the pioneers of Nassagaweya.
- To share our knowledge with all who are interested - present and future.

Queries:

I am looking for information on the lives of John Cargill, his wife Elizabeth—nee Stewart and their family. The reason is a bit complex, but I will explain.

I am a great great grandson of George Ruddell and Christina Ruddell—nee Stewart. I have been unable to find out the family of Stewarts that Christina came from. We have no documental records of our family for that generation. I was able to find through the census of 1851 my George and Christina Ruddell and follow them through their lives into the 20th century. The biggest problem is that George arrived in Upper Canada in 1845 and met and married Christina Stewart a few years before 1852. They had a 1 year old daughter in 1852 when that census was actually enumerated, I believe.

It was only while gathering information on my great grandfather, John Henry Ruddell who was the second born son of George and Christina that I read of a clue that might lead me to my Christina's family. It was a newspaper clipping that said that a Miss Cargill from Duluth Minnesota had been visiting her cousin, John Henry and William George Ruddell in Morden Manitoba. Research has shown that the Miss Cargill, who was visiting was named Jessie. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Cargill, and Elizabeth Cargill of Duluth had been born Elizabeth Stewart whose parents were from Scotland.

Working with another Ruddell amateur family researcher we have tracked down a lot of Cargill history, but do not have a direct connection established between Elizabeth and Christina Stewart.

The reason I am contacting you is that John and Elizabeth raised their family on a farm in Nassagiweya township. Brenda Winslade who is descended from William George Ruddell has found some birth records of 3 of John and Elizabeth's children. As well, we have the census records from Duluth that clearly show that that Cargill family was the same one that I found in Nassagiweya. We hoped to find a marriage record of John and Elizabeth the named her parents, but have been unable to do so.

In the 1851 census their church was FC, free church? After that it was always C. Presbyt.

The Puslinch Historical Society said that the Nassigaweya Historical had excellent researchers and I should make contact with your society. As amateurs, Brenda and I have scoured the available digitized databases and have not come up with a marriage certificate or any other document that would prove the connection between Christina and Elizabeth. Our last hope is that through historical societies we can unearth un-yet digitized information to make the connection. Could your society help us Out? How can we help you back? I can send you copies of all of the records we found if you want them.

Yours truly,

James Harvey Ruddell

Other Inquiries:

Lot 32 Conc 2E Eden Mills when still belonged to Nassagaweya Williams (1877 Atlas) Henry Hortop Home Children/strays worked surrounding area of Moffat possibly buried Moffat Cemetery Laing/Griesson

I am researching the life of my uncle. Henry John Page, who was a Home Child from the UK in the early part of the last century. From 1912 to 1916 he lodged with the Lowery family (James Lowery) of Campbellville, Moffat, Ontario and worked on the farm. He was well looked after by this family and I would like to find out more about them and possibly trace their descendants although I know that it unlikely. They lived in a stone farmhouse which I think may have been quite unusual at that time.
Any help or advice you can give would be much appreciated.

Regard
Linda Price
UK

Results:
Thank you for allowing me to join this very interesting site.

My uncle, Henry Page, was a home child and I hope that his story will be of interest. It deserves to be told. Happy to answer any questions.

Harry's Story

I was told as a child that my father's half brother, Henry John Page (known as Harry) was taken into the care of Barnardos and that he was murdered by a German in a church in Canada, a story which seemed a bit far fetched, but as I got older and became interested in family history I started the long search for the truth. It took 10 years. Harry was born on 25th February 1899 in Northfleet, Kent, UK. His parents were Mary Ann Sutherden (my grandmother) and John Henry Page. He had two brothers, Arthur born 1893 and Tom born 1902.

John Page worked at Tilbury Docks on the River Thames where work was irregular and pay minimal. In 1904 John was injured at work by a box of falling dates, suffered concussion and brain damage and lost his job. There was no compensation or benefits in those days and because he could find no other work he became depressed and cut his throat with a razor and died. leaving the family destitute.

Eventually, although Mary Ann tried to support her family, Barnardos were called in. Harry was taken into care and Mary Ann signed some papered called the 'Canada Clauses' without fully understanding the consequences. It was January 1906 and Harry was 6. He was taken to Barnardos Receiving House in Stepney, London, then to Mittendorf House in Epsom, Surrey and finally to foster parents in Eastcombe, Gloucestershire. He remained there until early May 1908 when he was returned to London and later that month he sailed from Liverpool on the SS Dominion for Canada. He was 9 years old.

Although by this time his mother had married my grandfather, James West, she was unable to get Harry back or prevent him from leaving the country. She had three more children by James, one of whom was my father.

Harry had three placements in Canada. At the second on he suffered from an accident with an axe whilst chopping wood and was left with a permanent scar. His third placement was with the Lowry family in Moffat, Ontario where he stayed until he was 21, although he spent some time away when he signed up underage for the Canadian Expeditionary Force in WW1. He didn't see active service as by that time the war was nearing its end but he was able to see his family in England. The Lowrys were like a second family to him.

After he left the Lowrys in around 1920 he seems to have crossed the border to the USA where he worked on

farms. We have an address in Detroit. There is no information about him for a while after this but in August 1925 he was working on farms in Zeeland, North Dakota where he was robbed and murdered.

The story is that he had a pocket full of money after harvest work and he agreed with another worker to sleep in the porch of the local Catholic Church to save money. This worker was Henry Klinsman, a man of German descent, who robbed him and shot him dead.

Harry was buried in an unmarked grave in the village of Zeeland and although his mother wanted to bring him home it was too expensive

I started to search for Harry in 1999 and finished in 2008 but had some help from amazing people along the way. I found his death certificate in the North Dakota Archives and a newspaper report about the murder. I also posted a note on a Zeeland forum on the internet and was put in touch with a retired minister whose wife came from Zeeland and who still had relatives living there. With their help, we managed to find Harry's grave and in 2008 a stone was placed on his grave and later that year we travelled to Zeeland and performed a small ceremony at the graveside. Whilst there we met a reporter from the same paper that published the story of his murder and he agreed to publish the update on the story of Harry. When we returned to the UK we were told that because of the newspaper article an elderly man had come forward to say that he was at the Catholic Church that day to attend a service and saw Harry's body. He was 13 at the time.

So the story was true!!! I just wish my father had lived to see that his brother had been found. He always told us that Mary Ann never fully recovered from the loss of Harry. She has already lost three others, Arthur in WW1 and two of my fathers siblings to influenza.

I am in touch with descendants of the Lowry family in Canada.

This is a much shortened and simplified version of Harry's Story which I have written for family members.



The photos are as follows:
Harry age 6, Harry as a
young man in the USA,
Harry's grave, SS Dominion

My name is Stuart Quick. I am a physics teacher (retired) with an interest in family history. I have been a subscriber for many years of Ancestry.com and a big user of scotlandspeople.com.

I am writing a book about a Duncan Campbell family that settled in Malden township in Essex County in 1850 (I was a stepson of his great-grandson).

Traditions in the family have him born in 1821 in Perthshire (the date appears on his gravestone in Amherstburg). I think I can prove he was a foster child of a MacGregor family, a daughter of which he married in 1846.

More importantly I think I can prove this Duncan was, in fact, a younger brother of Archibald Campbell who settled in Nassagaweya township in 1833.

Archibald's parents were Duncan Campbell and Janet MacGregor of Croftnaln in Kenmore. Duncan and Janet died in Nassagaweya in 1837 and 1833, respectively. Duncan junior, as a foster child, remained in Scotland until he emigrated in 1849.

I have done much research on the family at the Archives of Ontario and the National Records of Scotland in Edinburgh. I have what I think is a credible story of where Duncan and Janet MacGregor came from in Scotland, how Duncan junior came to be fostered and why they decided to emigrate.

As you can imagine I am keen to make contact with an interested descendant of Archibald Campbell in the Halton County area. I have a copy of the article you compiled for the North Halton Compass in 2000, for which a Florence Mahon provided the background information. Can you tell me how to get in touch with her - or with anyone who may know of the Archibald Campbell family?

I am the author of three family histories (Behind the Reserve The Quick Family of Colchester, Essex County, Ontario, Canada 1601-1820 (2002, 2015), and two others), so I intend to see this through to completion. I have no proprietary interest, and would be happy to share data, references, etc.

I look forward to hearing from you
Stuart Quick

Best Wishes extended to



Eli and Lenora Daigle
Celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary

&



George and Judy Marsh
Celebrating their 50th Anniversary

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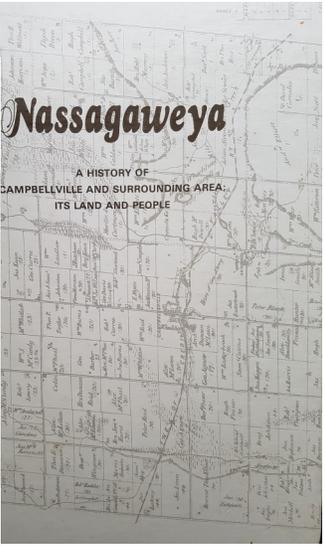
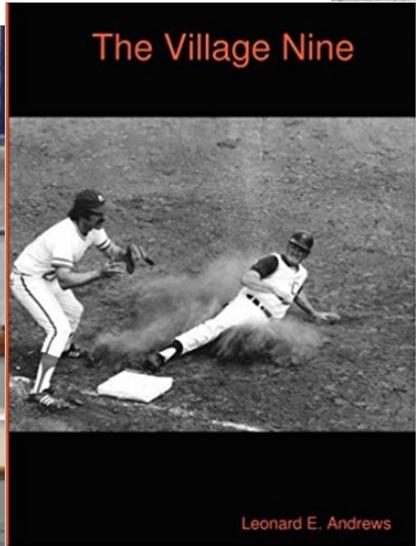
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JULY 11TH AFTERNOON MEETING.**

JUNE ANDREWS SPEAKING AT OUR MAY 9TH, 2017 MEETING



June Andrews was the recipient of the Heritage Writing Award February 1993 for her two books “Footprints” the history of St J ohn’s Anglican Church, Nassagaweya and “Nassagaweya, A History of Campbellville and Surrounding Area”. She has also since compiled a book called “The Village Nine”

June and Leonard Andrews and their family lived in the Village of Campbellville since the early 1950’s until early 2000’s. The first thoughts of this book began in the early 1960’s when the Campbellville Women’s Institute began to compile a Tweedsmuir History of the land and the people and the idea of publishing a history for the southern part of Nassagaweya had an importants to many residents. With much satisfaction, combined with apprehension the Campbellville Historical Society (dormant today) presented this history in print.