

The Rideau Township Historical Society

Preserving and Promoting local history for the former Rideau Township

January 2019 Newsletter

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The RTHS AGM & Bring & Brag

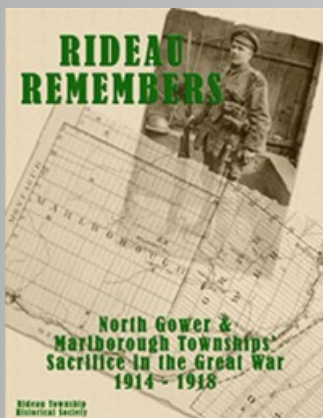
Date: Wednesday January 16, 2019
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: North Gower Client Services Centre
2155 Roger Stevens Drive,
North Gower, ON



Dickinson House Tea

Dickinson House will be holding a special Valentine's Tea on February 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We will be decorated for Valentine's Day and our traditional menu of scones with cream and jam and tea sandwiches will be available. There will be a chocolate theme to our sweets. (See poster page 4)

For ticket information re the tea, people can telephone Maureen McPhee at 613-692-8260.



Don't Forget

We have a new publication entitled

Rideau Remembers; North Gower and Marlborough Townships' Sacrifice in the Great War, 1914-1918

Availability: Rideau Branch Ottawa Archives, Tuesdays 9:30am - 4:30pm
Manotick Office Pro
Dickinson House when open

Speakers

Speakers at the January meeting will once again be RTHS members themselves.

Yes it is time once again for our annual bring and brag night with RTHS members and/or their guests presenting their treasures.

So if you or someone you know has something you think would be of interest to the Society we will see you on the 16th. There will be a computer and screen available for PowerPoint or other kinds of presentations, so bring a memory stick if you so choose.

The Annual General Meeting

The AGM will precede the Bring & Brag presentations. It is traditionally short but it is important because we elect our executive for the coming year. The nominating committee will present a report listing a slate of candidates for the various positions as recruited by the present executive.

At this point there will be a request for nominations for any position from the floor. In particular there is an opportunity to join your 2019 Society executive as a Director with responsibilities to be determined at the first meeting of the new executive. If this appeals to you, please contact Sandy McNiece (dmcniece@rogers.com) or at 613-489-2295 to put your name forward

The February Meeting

Our speaker in February will be Nyamme (Nye) Samuels, speaking about the country of Jamaica.

Nye grew up and was married in that country. She came to Canada in 1960 to join her husband Eric, living first in Saskatoon, then Ottawa. She has lived near Osgoode since 1971 where she and Eric raised their family. She now lives in the same house with her son and his family.

As well as participating in community life in this area, she was also involved in the Jamaican community in Ottawa. We look forward to learning more about this Caribbean country.

The 2018 Christmas Party

Article and Pictures by Owen Cooke

The traditional Rideau Township Historical Society Christmas dinner was celebrated at Knox Presbyterian Church in Manotick on Wednesday, 12 December. Thirty-five members and guests foregathered from 5:30 p.m. for conversation with punch, cheese and finger food. At 6:15 all were seated for grace by Brian Earl. We were then treated to dinner catered by the Order of the Eastern Star. All feasted on pork tenderloin with cranberry stuffing, roast potatoes, mixed carrots and green beans and mixed peppers. Desserts were generous pieces of pumpkin or apple pie, accompanied by tea and coffee.

At each table were magnificent centrepieces in glass bowls, created by Dorothy Gray and her cousin. At the end of dinner a draw was held for each of the centrepieces, which will no doubt grace some individual members' Christmas dinner tables.



Dorothy Gray's center pieces

At the conclusion of dinner, our President, Sandy McNiece, introduced the ladies (and one gentleman) of the Eastern Star. Diane Arbuckle explained that members were the wives and relatives of practising Masons, and spoke about their fundraising through the Starlight Foundation.

Sandy then summarized our Society's progress and activities over 2018. Then he introduced Rowena and Wilson Pearl on keyboard and percussion. Rowena distributed carol sheets – including many less-known verses of popular classics – and led us in song. She and Wilson also played an instrumental seasonal composition. The evening concluded with more conversation and good wishes by all.



Rowena Pearl and her son Wilson provided the entertainment for the evening.



The ladies and a gentleman of the Eastern Star prepared and served the meal.



The party was festive and enjoyed by all. It is always a venue for renewing friendships and catching up on our friends' lives.

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North Gower Client Services Centre

2155 Roger Stevens Drive, North Gower

AGM & BRING AND BRAG

The evening will begin with the Annual General Meeting. It will be followed by an opportunity for individual members to share something of interest to them. (old photos, artifacts, etc.)

We will have on hand, a projector for you to use if you are planning a visual program. Please bring your presentation on a memory stick. There will be adapters available.



ATTESTATION PAPER. No. 41110
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.
QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your name? *Walter Thomas*
2. In what town, village or parish, and in what County were you born? *Walter Thomas, Ontario*
3. What is the number of your service? *401000000*
4. What is the date of your enlistment? *1914-11-15*
5. What is the date of your discharge? *1918-11-15*
6. Are you married? *No*
7. Are you willing to be recruited as "Reservant" under the terms of the Military Provisions of the Regulations? *Yes*
8. Do you understand the nature and scope of the "Reservant" duties and the obligations of the "Reservant" and are you willing to accept them? *Yes*
9. Do you understand the nature and scope of the "Reservant" duties and the obligations of the "Reservant" and are you willing to accept them? *Yes*
10. Do you understand the nature and scope of the "Reservant" duties and the obligations of the "Reservant" and are you willing to accept them? *Yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Walter Thomas*, do hereby declare that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am a Canadian citizen and a member of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force.

WITNESSES: *Walter Thomas* (Signature of Man)
Walter Thomas (Signature of Witness)

DATE TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION: *1918-11-15*

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The above statements were read to me and I am satisfied that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the man named therein is a Canadian citizen and a member of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force.

Walter Thomas (Signature of Magistrate)



Dickinson House Museum
Invites You to a

Valentine's Tea

Saturday, February 9, 2019
1 ~ 3 pm

Enjoy the intimate
heritage ambiance of
Dickinson House while you
savour homemade scones
with cream and jam,
tea sandwiches, and sweets of
a decidedly Chocolate persuasion!

Reserved Seating Only

Tickets \$20

Available by calling

613-692-6455

News from the Rideau Branch, Ottawa Archives

Hours: *The Rideau Archives is open every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at other times by appointment. (613-489-2926).*

Resources and Services of the Rideau Township Branch of the City of Ottawa Archives: a monthly feature in this newsletter, celebrating the services and holdings preserved in your community's archives resource centre.

Manotick and the Early Days of Hockey

Throughout 2019, Rideau Branch will be working to include some of its collections in the City of Ottawa's online catalogue of archival and museum materials, the OMAC, and included in this will be the collection of Dora Stamp, unofficial historian of Manotick.

Among her materials is a photograph of a Manotick hockey team from 1905-1906, someone noting on the back that the goalkeeper was Russell Fee. Around that time, the team also featured the Dale brothers, the Flam brothers, and the Maxwell brothers and had so many players that there was both a junior and a senior team. The quality of the players at that time is suggested by their 12-0 defeat of a team from Kars in 1906.

Manotick played teams from Ottawa too, including the Queens. But, ironically, it was not a Manotick team but the Queens that would include one of the most iconic players connected with that village: Eddie Lowrey. Edwin James Lowrey had been born on the Lowrey farm, on the east bank of the Rideau River just south of Manotick, in 1891 but had moved while still a young child to Ottawa.

By the age of 15, Eddie was president of the St. Patrick's School hockey team, playing alongside younger brother Tom Lowrey, also a gifted player. The brothers played for the Queens in the 1906-07 season as well as their school team. The next year, Eddie represented the Buena Vistas at the inaugural ceremonies of a new Interprovincial Hockey League. By the 1909-10 season, he had moved to the Stewartons in the Ottawa City Hockey League, and also played a game with the Volants in Hull that year.

Speculation that he would be leaving the next year to join his father, who had taken a job in Winnipeg, earned him an entire article in the *Ottawa Journal*. But instead he stayed to rejoin brother Tom on the Buena Vistas, which had by then moved over to the City League. Meanwhile

he refereed college games and in the lower-level Triangle League.

Over the next decade Eddie played with the Stewartons, the New Edinburghs, and the Senators in Ottawa, the Ontarios and Blueshirts in Toronto, and played one game with the Montreal Canadiens in the National Hockey Association. Back with the Senators, Lowrey's career was drawing to a close as the National Hockey League was first established in the 1917-18 season.

Marrying Gertrude Rebecca Gray in 1919-20, he briefly coached the Ottawa Munitions of the City League but returned to playing, joining the Hamilton Tigers for 1920-21 and the Regina Capitals for 1921-22. He then accepted a position as coach of the University of Ottawa's team in the Ottawa City League before moving to Ann Arbor to coach the University of Michigan team from 1927 to 1944. Lowrey died at Ann Arbor on 27 November 1973 but was buried at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa.

Stuart Clarkson, Community Archivist



The RTHS gratefully acknowledges the financial support received from the City of Ottawa.