

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

Newsletter of the Port Hope Archives

Winter 2007

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Perrytown Celebrates 165 years

If you have ever driven along the roads in Hope township you may have noticed a stunning stone church along County Road 10 at Perrytown. The history of beautiful St. Paul's Anglican Church, Perrytown is insightful and represents the experience by early settlers in the township and their desire to worship. Recently, a donation was made of papers and photographs of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Perrytown. The history reprinted here is taken from the history compiled by Miss Pearl Wilson and committee for the 100th anniversary of St. Paul's in 1942. Many changes have taken place over the years, and St. Paul's is now part of the Parish of Perrytown, which also includes St. Anne, Bewdley and St. George, Gore's Landing.

The village of Perrytown is usually supposed to have been named after a pioneer family, the Perrys. There is no record of any other name having been used for the settlement. Perhaps the greater number of the settlers were from the North of Ireland although several families came from the United States and from England.

The first church services were held by Dr. Jonathan Shortt in the home of Mr. Francis Coates where the Seventh Concession now meets Highway 28. Probably the settlers walked through the woods from Perrytown. The north part of lot 13, concession 6 was deeded by James Rutledge and his wife, December 22nd, 1940 to the Reverend Jonathan Shortt and his successors in office, as ministers of the Church of England in the Township of Hope, forever. A nominal sum of five shillings was paid. The deed was registered February 6th, 1942.

In a copy of Smith's Canada, Volume 2, published in 1851, there is a directory of the merchants of Northumberland and Durham. Opposite an item "Fox, Philip, owner of planing machine - Port Hope" Edmund Wilson of Elizabethville, owner of the book wrote "the man that built Perry Church in 1842." It would therefore seem probable that the old clapboard structure, remembered by many who will read this, which gave place to the present stone structure was the first St. Paul's Church, Perrytown. The first service was held November 13, 1842. Tradition says that the first



St. Paul's Anglican Church built in 1842.

child baptized in this church was Stewart Kilpatrick, the first persons married were Margaret Beatty and James Walsh, and the first persons buried, John and George, children of Sarah and John Wilson who died October, 1842, of Scarlet Fever. The first adult buried was Joseph Harcourt who died September 26th, 1843.

From 1842 services of a fairly regular nature seem to have been held in the church. In 1883 Dr. O'Meara, then Rector of St. John The Evangelist, Port Hope, stated that his predecessor, Dr. Shortt, walked between the two places and took services in both St. John's, Port Hope and St. Paul's, Perrytown. On the same occasion Judge Benson said that Perrytown was "the second church built in the rectory." Dr. Shortt must have ridden occasionally for there is an entry in the Parish account book for 1853 -- "balance on horse hire for Rev. Jonathan Shortt -- three shillings."

By the fifties there is evidence that a congregation had formed at Elizabethville and met at Mr. McMurty's house. Dr. McNab, probably a travelling missionary, took the services at both places, at least on certain Sundays. Small contributions were made to the Jubilee Fund (1851), the funds of the Church Society (1852), and the Widows and Orphans Fund (1853).

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Chairperson's MessageLisa Foucault

It is hard to believe but another year is quickly drawing to a close. In 2007 our visitor numbers and collections continued to grow. This is largely due to the efforts of the Port Hope Archivist and a dedicated team of volunteers whose unflagging enthusiasm enabled us to reach out to the community in a variety of ways. Our publication of the *Book of Remembrance*, which was first compiled in 1919, was one of our proudest achievements this year. We also made significant progress on our goal of long-term sustainability when the Municipality recently voted in favour of designating the Port Hope Archives a municipal archival repository. This is a huge step forward and we look forward to working with Municipal staff on finalizing the operating agreement and initiating the first transfer of municipal archival records. Preserving the records of the Town of Port Hope, along with private records, will allow the Archives to tell the full story of our town.

In 2008, we hope to continue expanding our membership base and outreach activities as well as continue working with the Municipality on developing a program for municipal archival records. We will be sending out a separate package in early January for our Annual General Meeting. I encourage all members to attend this meeting to learn more about the collections we have received in 2007 and our plans for 2008. We value your

feedback and the AGM is the perfect opportunity for members to bring forward ideas or suggestions for future development.

This is my final year as Chair of the Port Hope Archives Board. I have been honoured to be involved with this organization for the past three years. It has been a truly rewarding experience. We have made substantial progress on all our goals over the past three years and I have every confidence that we will continue this trend under the guidance of our new Chair, Charles Taws. Charles has been a member of the Board since 2006 and he is currently Curator of Clarington Museums & Archives in Bowmanville. He will be Chairing his first meeting at the AGM in January so please make every effort to come out and welcome him to his new position.

I extend sincere thanks to my fellow board members, our volunteers, members and Krista for their efforts over the past three years! Our success has been a team effort and we should all be proud of the goals we've accomplished. I look forward to hearing of the Archives' continued success in the years to come.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Lisa Foucault

Happy Holidays - Happy Renovations!



The Port Hope Archives will be closed longer than usual this holiday season. In March the PHA received funding from the Port Hope ACO for new shelving in our records storage area. We are happy to announce that the shelving will be installed early in 2008. However, prior to the shelving being installed, the interior of the Archives' building will be painted and repaired and a new floor covering will be laid in the back room. We are very excited about all these changes. However, due to the size of our collection and the square-footage of the building, we are going to be doing a lot of juggling. In order to do this and keep the best interest of the collection in mind, the Archives will be **closed as of December 14th** until early January (dependant upon floor and shelving installation). Check our web site or call for more information when we will be reopening in the new year .

Archivist's MessageKrista Taylor

It is difficult to believe that we have once again entered the holiday season. Where did the year go? We have had such a busy year at the PHA that when I slow down to think of where the time went I can certainly tell you. We were so busy that the fall issue of *It's About Time...* never got finished. You may notice the size of this newsletter is the largest yet, and that is to make up for the missing fall newsletter. Please accept my apologies.

Our collection has continued to grow on a weekly basis. It is gratifying to see families and organizations entrusting us with their documents - that is what we are here to do. More than forty new donations have been made to date, and they are varied. We continue to receive probates from a local law firm, and we are nearing 1000 probates. These probates and other genealogical treasures in our collection assist researchers and provide a form of income for the archives through service fees.

In June, I made a selection of items from the collection that was in need of professional conservation treatment. These items were then loaned to the students of the Sir Sandford Fleming College Collections & Conservation Programme. In the past the PHA has been pleased with the level of professional work provided by the students. This year was no exception. One piece in particular, which had we not been able to access the services through SSFC, the photograph may have had to be disposed of. The item was a panoramic photograph of "C" company, 1st Battalion, Midland Regiment in April 1941 taken at Ottawa. The photograph was attached to a thick acidic backing. But the problem was, it had been stored in such a way (prior to donation) that one-third of the photo was curled and looked like a toboggan. The photograph was filthy, brittle and its future wasn't looking good. However, instructor Dorothy McCord, CCM student Anne Sinclair and Greg Hill from the Canadian Conservation Institute put their heads together, and when Dorothy returned the items to the PHA in September, there was much excitement! The photograph had been successfully removed from the backing and was flattened. The image was then cleaned, revealing buildings in the background and in-fills were made where there had been photo loss. I could not believe it was the same photograph.

Once again, many thanks is extended to the CCM program. This partnership allows for no-charge, professional conservation work for the PHA, while the students are able to learn and work on actual artifacts.

In August we received a collection of family

photographs that were identified! It was very exciting. But what was most complimentary was that the donor, having no direct connection to the collection was prepared to dispose of the collection until her neighbour suggested bringing them to the archives. Thank goodness for that neighbour and for the donor willing to find them a new home. As a result, we have about thirty photographs that include the Gardiner, Johnston, McElroy, Flaherty, Moise, Jones families from Hope Township, as well as their friends. It has been a lot of fun being able to piece together the puzzle of relationships between the families.

Please be sure to spread the word that we are here to prevent other collections from being destroyed.

September was a very busy month for the Archives. I was off for a week-long archival course at Doon Heritage Crossroads in Kitchener. The course provided an excellent opportunity to sharpen up on my Archival terminology and to network with archivists from across the province.

The Fall Fair proved again to be a success for the Archives, meeting members of the community, providing awareness and reserving orders for the Book of Remembrance. Our "guess the number of candies in the jar" draw proved to be very popular among kids of all ages!

In October, I led a genealogy workshop. This was the second workshop this year. We were able to attract participants from Port Hope, Cobourg and Bowmanville. Again, we examined what genealogy is, where to start and how to organize the findings. Also, as the Internet continues to become a popular tool for genealogists, it is important that those new to genealogy learn how important visiting archives are!

I have now been with the Archives for four years and I am happy to make Port Hope my home. Thank you for all your support over these last four years. We have made a great deal of progress, and I thank you for your contributions.

As 2007 closes, we have many things to be thankful for and plenty to anticipate for 2008. I hope to see many of you out at our AGM. Happy holidays!

Krista Taylor



The PHA gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Municipality of Port Hope for their continued support of the Port Hope Archives.

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The church furnishings at Perrytown were probably meagre. We find in the books these items "A Chalice and Patten - 11 shillings; one chair - 8 shillings (1853).

In 1852 Mr. A. Noble gave the treasurer of the church ten shillings as a subscription for a resident minister. Whether the suggestion of a separate parish came first from Port Hope or Perrytown we do not know. In 1853 the Reverend V. T. Mayerhoffer at the invitation of Dr. Shortt left Whitby where he was living in retirement to take the duty at Perrytown. He laboured in the parish for about one year during which time St. John's Church, Elizabethville, was built. The parishioners raised one hundred pounds by subscription as a salary for Mr. Mayerhoffer, but illness obliged him to resign the parish into the hands of the Reverend Mr. Lewis, who had settled with his family at Knox Cook (Knoxville).

Mr. Peter Lewis had landed at Port Hope in the summer coming from Monmouthshire about seven miles from Abergavey. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Rev. David Lewis, two sisters and five little brothers settled at Knox Cook. Mr. David Lewis served as incumbent of Perrytown for about a year. In the fall of 1855 Mr. Lewis moved west towards Dundas.

The Rev. John Hilton was incumbent from 1855-1861. He resided in the house still opposite the church. During this period the practice of keeping regular records was firmly established. In 1856 a motion was carried at the vestry meeting to erect a gallery across one end of the church. The church-wardens were given power in 1861 to lay out the burying grounds in separate lots.

During the sixties the incumbents were Rev. R. Sidney Birtch, Rev. E. R. Davies, Rev. Archibald Lampman, Rev. G. I. Taylor. The problem of meeting the expenses of the church during these years seems to have been difficult. A deficit was several times declared at the vestry meeting, but the amount was promptly subscribed by those present. Even the modest annual salary of \$12.00 to the sexton seems to have been a burden. In 1864 there was a delegation to Dr. Shortt to request that the rents of the Glebe Lands be allowed to the resident minister of Perrytown for the time being. This request seems to have been granted as we read in the minutes of the vestry, 1869, "moved by Dr. Lewis and seconded by Robert Leith that Thomas Campbell, George Patterson, Joseph S. Wilson, Robert Gardiner, Henry Lockington, Thomas Wilson and John Leith be a deputation to wait upon the Rector and Church Wardens of Port Hope in the matter of the Glebe Lands situated in this parish (viz.) lot 6 in the eighth concession and part of lot 27 in the fourth concession praying in behalf on this congregation for a continuance of support for said lands."

Perrytown, itself, had no fewer than four churches.

The account of Perrytown in the *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Northumberland and Durham*, published for the years 1865-1866 reads: "Perrytown" A post village situated on lots 13 and 14, concessions 6 and 7, township of Hope, 9 miles from Port Hope, 16 from Cobourg, and 9 miles from Millbrook. The post office was established about the year 1848 - James Black first postmaster. The village at present contains one general store, one carriage and wagon shop, one shoe shop, four churches (Presbyterian, Wesleyan Methodist, Bible Christians and Episcopalian Church), also, a good school, taught by W. Richmond. Mails received on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays."

DIRECTORY

Choate, Aaron, farmer

Corbett, R. Astley, MD. Surgeon, Coroner

Corbett, Samuel, farmer

Dariet (Davies) Rev. E. R., Episcopalian

Gordon, Rev. A., Bible Christian

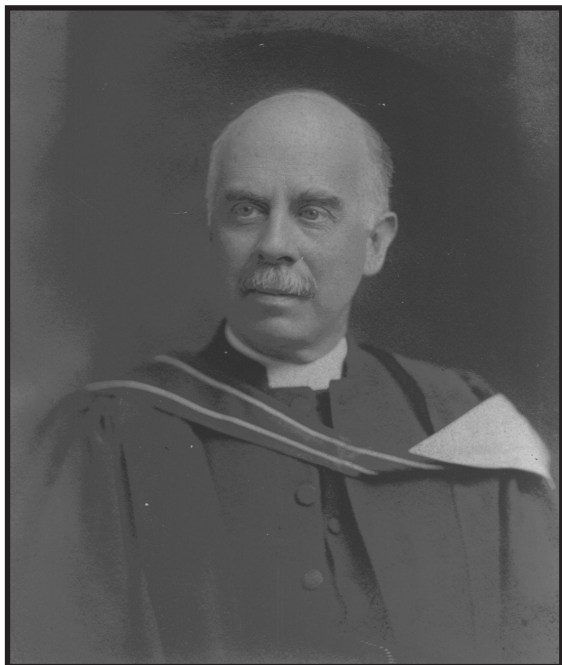


Rev. Robert A. Rooney (1821-1903) was born in Ireland and died in Hope Township. During his incumbency (1884-1901), the parish changed from Orono, Perrytown and Elizabethville to Gore's Landing, Perrytown and Harwood. Two of his daughters married within the parish; Mary Ann married Montford Wilson in 1896 and Margaret married William Dean in 1908.

Lochard, Rev. Wm., Presbyterian

The decade of the seventies was more encouraging. Attendance at vestry meetings was rather more numerous and the church funds were sufficient to allow for repairs. In 1870, Joseph S. Wilson was "allowed four dollars for changing and reversing the two doors and making three windows in the Belfry of the Church." This money was paid from the Church Improvement Fund. "A new and substantial fence enclosing the graveyard had been completed at a cost of \$85.37 ¹/₂, the church had been newly painted and other improvements necessary for the requirements of the law had been completed at a cost of \$100.13 the whole of which has been duly paid and settled leaving a balance of three dollars and sixty cents in the hands of the treasurer." New books were bought for the choir in 1872, the Chancel roof was repaired in 1876, and a new stove bought in 1877. The sexton's salary was raised to twenty dollars. Mr. Taylor continued as incumbent to the end of 1871. He was succeeded by Henry F. Burgess, B. A. (1872-1876) and John A. Hanna, B. A. (1877-1880)

The eighties were the golden era of the old church. Both membership in the church and in subscriptions to its needs continued to increase. Rev. Chafee came in 1881 and was succeeded by Rev. Rooney in 1886. There are many happy entries in the books. Rev. Mr. Chafee had the pleasure of marrying two of predecessors to young ladies of the parish. In 1881 the Rev. Hanna was married at Perrytown to Miss Eveline Campbell and in 1883 the Rev. Henry Burgess was married in the same church to Miss Lavina Marjory Gardiner. In 1885 Rev. Chafee must have been gratified by the gift of \$20.00 from



Rev. Canon O'Meara, Principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto, laid the cornerstone of St. Paul's Church, Perrytown, 1914

Perrytown toward the purchase of a new buggy.

At this period it became the custom to have a Harvest Tea at the time of the Harvest Festival. This was known locally as "the tea meeting." Most of these affairs were held in a grove of trees The most ambitious of these were held September 10, 1883 in Mr. Alex Noble's Grove. The grounds were decorated with flags. An arch over the gateway bore the inscription "St. Paul's Church Harvest Tea." The band of the Forty-Sixth Regiment came up from Port Hope to furnish the music. (Incidentally the Welcome correspondent to the Guide mentioned that the band was generous enough to play



Last Harvest Thanksgiving in the first church, 1914.

going through the village.) Speeches were made by Mr. Leslie of Perrytown, Rev. Mr. Cooper of Trinity College School, Dr. Brereton, M.P.P., Dr. Gilmour of Perrytown, and Judge Benson of Port Hope. There were many references to the need for a new church....

The Reverend Edward Morris came to the parish in 1912. The church structure was an old wooden one in need of renovating. Since 1883, at least, the need for a new building was clear. Committees were appointed to plan for a new church. The question of the site was submitted to Archdeacon Warren who decided in favour of Perrytown.

In 1914 they began with the motto "Owe no man anything" and the ambition to open the new church free of debt. The contract was given to Mr. Cecil Mercer.... The resources of the congregation were augmented by the labour and gifts of money of others in the community. The interior was beautified by many gifts.

On June 24th, 1914, the corner stone was laid by Rev. T. R. O'Meara, LL.D., Principal of Wycliffe College and son of a former rector of Port Hope.

The last harvest home sermon was in the old church was preached on October 13, 1914, by the Rev. Canon Walsh, son of the first couple married in it. The final service was held on November 8, 1914. The church was consecrated on November 26th by Bishop Reeve.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Launched at Library on November 10th

On November 10th, more than sixty members of the community and the Archives gathered at the Port Hope Public Library for the launch of the *Book of Remembrance* and short presentation. Northumberland M.P.P., Lou Rinaldi brought greetings and expressed the importance of preserving our history, and received a book from the Archives. Interested book buyers travelled from Nepean, Stratford and Peterborough to purchase the book. We even had a military buff from Newfoundland attend!

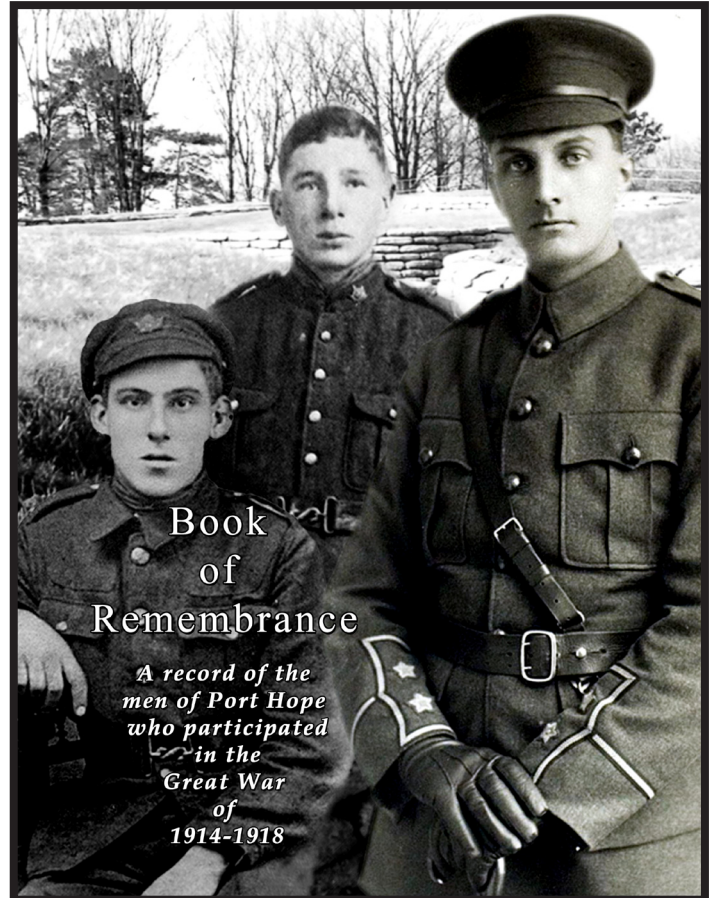
PHA archivist, Krista Taylor spoke to the crowd about who the men were that left Port Hope. "These men were bankers, farmers, labourers, enamellers, lawyers, students and even an archivist. They were born in Port Hope, Perrytown, Welcome, Ireland, England and Scotland. These men came from large and small families, they were Barnardo children. One of the men was a veteran of the Boer War and the winner of the Victoria Cross. They were sweethearts, fathers, husbands, sons and brothers. And when they left Port Hope, many of them never considered it would be the last time they would see this beautiful town.

"Yet, these men knew they had a job to do – to defend their King and Country in a time of need. They went with patriotism in their hearts and not knowing what lay ahead. When the war began in August 1914, there was a belief the war would be over before Christmas; these boys were going to "wipe the Kaiser's clock" and this was going to be the 'war to end all wars'.

"Some of these men lost their lives over ninety years ago and with the exception of their names on the cenotaph, how often do we reflect about the men who lost their lives? Do we remember the sacrifices other than in November?

"During the war years, Port Hope's population was about 5000 people. More than four hundred and eighty men and women from the area went overseas, and hundreds more mobilized on the home front in the home, in fields and factories to help the war effort. In total, sixty-five men lost their lives by the close of the war and more would died shortly after from war related injuries.

"In 1919, a committee of citizens came together to gather biographical information and photographs of the fallen soldiers. Not all of the soldiers had someone to supply their information and/or photograph. But with the material that was gathered, the *Book of*



Remembrance came to be. The booklet was presented on June 29, 1919, during a public tribute by mayor, council and the citizens of Port Hope, to the honour of the men of the town and township who died on active service during the Great War. During the tribute service, the photographs of the soldiers, (which to this day hang in town hall) and the *Book of Remembrance* were presented to the Mayor. A duplicate copy of the *Book of Remembrance* was given to the library board.

"Eventually, the book placed with the municipality was given to the Royal Canadian Legion. When the Legion sold their hall, the book found a new home at the Port Hope Archives.... The book at the library was removed from public use about 19 years ago. This copy is also at the Archives.

"The intended purpose of the books in 1919 was for them to be at the disposal of the relatives of the fallen men, and for future generations. Those who compiled the original pages hoped that the few available facts concerning the men who poured out their blood willingly and heroically in defence of what they held



Thanks to the Collections and Conservation Management program at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough, this photograph was able to be used in the "Remembering The 1914" photograph of the troops preparing to leave from Kingston is shown here. The photograph was stabilized, cleaned and matted for preservation and storage.

so highly- freedom, manhood and justice – would allow these men to live forever as personalities and not just as names.

"The revised book will carry on the hopes of the 1919 committee, that the stories of these men will be heard and read, that future generations will know these men, because this book, although not in its exact original form, is now available to a larger audience.

"The revised edition also has a selection of letters from the Front, as published in *The Evening Guide* during the war years. When the soldiers and nurses wrote home, they would often write directly to *The Guide* or to their family and friends, who in turn would send the letter to *The Guide* for printing. Due to the nature of the war, censorship was tight, so few details of the conditions and experiences made it home.

"When the war ended, Captain Arthur Clarke, a chaplain in England with the 4th Reserve Battalion at Whitley Camp, and a native of Port Hope, wrote to his parents on November 13th of his observations and experiences of the end of the war. He described the men's joy at the camp, the cheers, the music, the

service of thanksgiving. He ended his letter with thoughts of the heroic dead who would never see Canada again; those buried in France and in England. He closed simply with this truthful line "if blood can buy Peace we have paid in full".

"To the memory of the fallen soldiers who gave their today for our tomorrow, and to the citizens of Port Hope who in 1919 created the original books and collected the photographs so that the contributions of these men and women would never be forgotten. For your sacrifices and foresight, we thank you and dedicate this revised *Book of Remembrance*."

Copies of the book were then presented to Chief Librarian, Barbara Stephenson for the Port Hope Public Library and Lynn Falconer and Bill McKee for the Port Hope Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion

To coincide with the book launch, the Port Hope Archives mounted a display at the Port Hope Public Library in the programming room entitled "Remembering the Great War". The display featured the images of many of the men who lost their lives during the Great War (left). In addition, original materials were exhibited, including panoramic photographs of the 21st Battalion at Kingston (1914) and the 136th Battalion at Barriefield (1916), all of which included Port Hope soldiers. Of interest was the 1916 panoramic photograph of the battlefield. The exact location is not known, but it is believed to be in France.



The book is priced at \$30 and is the perfect gift for the history or military buff! The book is available at the Archives, Furby House Books, Port Hope and The Avid Reader, Cobourg. Mail orders are welcome, please contact the PHA for a price or shipping and handling.

PASSING THROUGH PORT HOPE ...

On the way into Canadian history

THOMAS WATSON KIRKCONNELL

In the May 24, 1895 issue of the *Weekly Guide*, the birth announcements on page five included the announcement of a son born to T. A. Kirkconnell on May 16. This baby boy - Thomas Watson Kirkconnell - born to Thomas Allison Kirkconnell (1862-1934) and Bertha Gertrude Watson (1867-1957) would go on to do many great things for his country and his church. But as with all children, no one could have predicted the great things the high school principal's son would go on to do.

T. A. Kirkconnell served as Head Master of the Port Hope High School from 1894 to 1908. During his time in Port Hope the new high school was built on Pine Street in 1896 and opened in 1897. While in Port Hope, the Kirkconnell family - T.A., Bertha, Helen, Walter, Watson, John and Herbert - lived at 33 Bedford Street. Mr. Kirkconnell was appointed principal of Lindsay Collegiate in 1908, and with this new position, the family relocated to Lindsay.

Watson Kirkconnell finished his schooling in Lindsay and went on to study at Queen's University. He graduated from Queens with a Master of Arts in Classics in 1916. During the Great War, he served with the Canadian Army and attained the rank of Captain. During the war, he was stationed at the internment camp for Ukrainians at Kapuskasing.

After the war, he studied economics at Oxford University, and graduated with his degree in 1922. That same year, he accepted a position to teach English at Wesley College in Winnipeg.

From 1922 to 1940 he taught English and Classics at the school later to become the University of Manitoba. While in Winnipeg, he became interested in the languages and literature of the city's minority groups and fascinated by the question of ethnic identity and political allegiance. In 1935, he edited the anthology *Canadian Overtones*, which introduced English-speaking Canadians to the literature of "new-Canadians".

In 1939 Kirkconnell compiled a study of political attitudes of various European nationalities, "Canada, Europe and Hitler" (1939) which provided a sketch of recent Ukrainian history and concluded that Ukrainian nationalists were likely to be hostile to the Nazis.

In 1940, Kirkconnell joined the faculty at McMaster University in Hamilton, but spent a great deal of time in Ottawa, advising the government on how to approach the country's war effort among Canadian minorities. At the

request of Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, he wrote *The Ukrainian Canadians and the War* (1940), the first of many pamphlets on this theme.

Also during the Second World War, he worked with the federal government organizing the Department of National War Services and served on the advisory committee of the department's Nationalities branch. As such, he played an important role in the creation of the Ukrainian Canadians Committee. His work, *Our Ukrainian Loyalists*, published in 1943, emphasized the dedication of the UCC and Ukrainian Canadians to the war effort. In the same vein, he published his important work, *Seven Pillars of Freedom* in 1944.

In 1948 he accepted the post of president of Acadia University. He was the ninth president of the University and retired in 1964.

In his lifetime Dr. Kirkconnell became a master of more than fifty languages and dialects and received twelve honorary doctorates. He was awarded over 30 awards, including the Taras Shevchenko Medal in 1962 and the Great Shevchenko Plaque in 1964. In 1935 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and in 1968, was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. He was a Milton Scholar, author of many volumes of prose and poetry, historian and genealogist. He was a joint founder of the Federal Citizenship Branch in 1940 (later the Citizenship Bureau), the Humanities Research Council of Canada in 1943 and the Baptist Federation of Canada in 1944.

Dr. Kirkconnell was married twice. He and his first wife Isabel (d. 1925) were the parents of two sons, James and Thomas. With his second wife Hope, they had three daughters - Helen, Janet and Susan.

Dr. Kirkconnell died on February 26, 1977 in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. In 1979 the Kirkconnell Reading Room was dedicated at Acadia University.

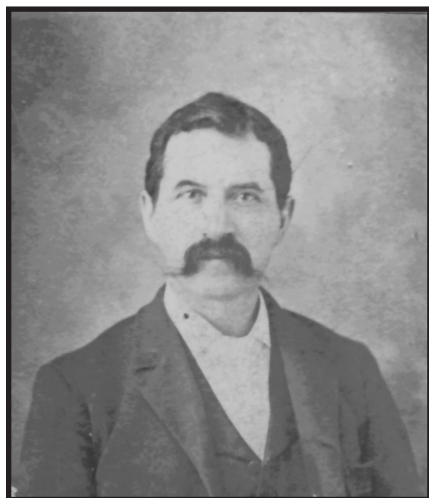
Dr. Kirkconnell took the matter of nation building seriously. At a conference dedicated to multiculturalism in 1970, he stated "My ideal for 2200 A.D. is not a cultural mosaic, where the ethnic traditions have each been preserved for its own sake, but a cultural tapestry where the gifts of all, in their myriad variety, have been woven into a single national identity."

Closer to home, Watson Kirkconnell wrote *History of Victoria County*, which is still considered an excellent resource by local historians.

HISTORIC BUSINESS

E. T. HAMLY, PHOTOGRAPHER

Edward Thomas "E.T." Hamly (1853-1923) was born in Devonshire, England, and was a son of John R. Hamly (1826-1890) and Mary Hoidge. The Hamly family immigrated to Canada from England about 1855 and settled at Tyrone. About 1867, the family came to Port Hope.



E. T. Hamly - taken in his own studio. He sported a handlebar moustache for most of his adult life.

On December 5, 1883, Edward Thomas Hamly, photographer, married Seraphina Harcourt, spinster,



Above: Margaret Hamly at the wheel of the family's Grey-Dort, ca. 1923. In the passenger seat is Lillian Hamly, with her parents, Seraphina and E.T. Hamly in the back seat.

John Hamly was a shoemaker and was part of Hamly Brothers, producers of boots and shoes. John was in the business with his brothers Henry, Edmund and Thomas. Edward is listed in the 1880 Dodds' Directory as a shoemaker, but had struck out on his own as a photographer by 1881 when he was listed on the census.

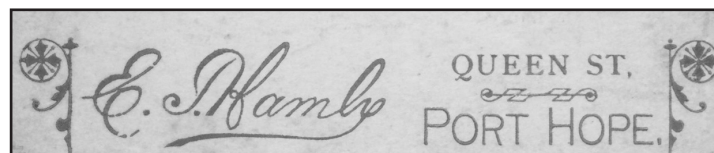
daughter of John and Mary Harcourt of Port Hope. From this union were born two children, Edward John, known as Ted (1884-1907) and Lillian (1888-1982).

The Hamly photography studio was located on Queen Street on the second floor. (In 2007, the doorway to the former studio may be found between Dreamer's Cafe and Photo Plus).

From 1881 until 1917, Port Hope's people, places and events were captured by Hamly's lens. He had a creative eye, and had a variety of backgrounds for his patrons to choose from for their photographs.

The Hamly's lived at 24 Ward Street, a house that had been owned by the Harcourts. Lillian Hamly remained in the home after her retirement as a librarian.

When Edward died in 1923, his obituary stated he was one of the oldest members of the Port Hope Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows and was their recording secretary for a number of years. He was also an active member of the Anglican Church.



Above: Over the decades, Hamly's signature at the bottom of his photographs changed. This one dates ca. 1892.

Top right: Lillian Hamly as captured by her father's camera lens, ca. 1892.

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New at the PHA



Ida Jane Moise (nee McElroy) and her daughter Mildred outside their Port Hope home.



Wedding photograph of Elias Jones and Eliza Johnston. The couple was married by Rev. R. Taylor at Garden Hill on June 22, 1882.



Loretta, Florence and Pearl Bailey outside their home at 275 Ridout Street.



Archivist Krista Taylor, with ACO president Richard Vincent (left), and Port Hope architect, Chris Wallace with architectural drawings of Port Hope homes and public buildings. The original drawings are at the Archives of Ontario. The Port Hope Branch of the ACO has arranged for the drawings to be reproduced by the Archives of Ontario for the PHA.

The presentation was made September 26, 2007.

3rd Annual Yard Sale a Great Success



Signs advertising the yard sale were placed around town and a large banner caught the attention of passers-by to make this the largest attended sale yet.

September 22nd turned out to be a great day for the Port Hope Archives. Not only was the weather perfect but the annual Archives Yard Sale was a great success! It was successful because of the great items donated by Archives members, as well as the volunteers who gave it their all!

I am pleased to report that we made more money for the Archives than we ever have, and we had a great time in the process! The Archives was able to help another community project afterwards by donating what was left to Cobourg's "Beyond the Blue Box".

Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work & donations, we should all be pleased & proud of the results!

Marielle Lambert

Organizer of the Port Hope Archives yard sale

Just a few things...

Vital Statistic Index

The most recent microfilmed index reels for birth, death and marriages for the Province of Ontario are now at the Archives. The years are: Births, 1910; Deaths, 1935 and Marriages, 1925.

The use of the index is free for members. We are also able to arrange for the reels containing the certificates to be ordered from the Archives of Ontario to save you the trip to Toronto. Regular user-fee charges apply for non-members.

Are You Moving?

Don't forget to forward your new address to the Archives so we can send your membership mailings to your new address.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for volunteers for outreach events on and off-site. If you would be interested in assisting us at the heritage fairs, fall fair, yard sale, open houses and other out-reach events, please contact the Archives at 905-885-1673 or email archives@porthope.ca.

Welcome New Members

Since June 2007

*Cliff Brooks, Port Hope
Bruce, Barbara and Ian Coleman, Port Hope
Joanne Guile, Port Hope
Tory Hoff & Linda McClelland, Port Hope
Gail Potts, Thornhill
Carl & Jay Ross, Port Hope
Albert Seaman, Port Hope
Gerry & Joan Tooke, Port Hope
Greg Wisnick, Port Hope
Susan Wright, Port Hope*

THE ARCHIVES REPORT

(to November 30, 2007)

Visitors to the Archives:
851

Volunteer hours:
1407 hours

Where were we this year?

- Heritage Days, Cobourg
- Ontario Heritage Foundation
40th Anniversary, Cobourg
- Heritage Fair, Lions Centre
- Port Hope Farmer's Market
- Port Hope Fall Fair
- Port Hope Public Library

JOIN US

Annual Memberships to the Port Hope Archives are available to everyone. For more information visit or call the Archives.

Household \$25
Business/Organization \$50

DONATIONS

All donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt. The Port Hope Archives is a registered charity

Charitable Registration
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OUR MANDATE

The Port Hope Archives exists to collect and preserve archival materials which illustrate the growth and development of the Municipality of Port Hope or which pertain in whole or in part to activities within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Port Hope.

2008 COMING EVENTS

Come out and join us!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, January 21st at the Port Hope Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

HERITAGE DAYS

February 1st and February 2nd, Northumberland Mall

HERITAGE FAIR

Sunday, February 17th, Port Hope Lions Centre, 12:00 to 4:30 p.m.

ARCHIVES AWARENESS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 8th at the Archives, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and see the refurbished records storage area and bring your questions about conservation and genealogy.

It's About Time...

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HOURS

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.