

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MESSENGER

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Message from AFHS President Angela Cronk

Greetings to All!

For this final newsletter of the year 2016, I would like to thank our small but dedicated Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Heritage Society group for all their efforts to maintain an historical presence of our area. It is such an important task in these days when everything is so fast-paced that people do not

take the time to preserve the past. Many feel that with everything computerized why would we need to make an effort to record our history. What would happen if computers crashed or wires get crossed or Wikipedia went out of business? What would happen if older people of this generation didn't relay stories to their children to pass on to their children? The statistics may be 'on line' but not the real stories of our previous generations filled with pride and/or angst. I think that is why it is important to have books like our "Voices" that put into print the many personal stories from our local area.

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Our Society

Members of the Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Heritage Society are your neighbours, your friends, your family. We are new to the area or have lived here all our lives. Some of us are descendants of the Loyalists who settled the shores of the Bay of Quinte. We all share a desire to deepen our knowledge of the history of our local community and to share our passion with others.

Our Executive

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Secretary:	Kathy Staples
Treasurer:	Stan MacMillan
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Book Directors:	Joan Reynolds Elizabeth Vandenberg
Communications Director:	Jane Lovell

Our Meetings

The Society meets every fourth Wednesday in the month at the South Fredericksburgh Community Centre at 6.30p.m. All welcome!!

Our Website

<http://www.sfredheritage.on.ca/>

Contact Us

If you have questions or suggestions regarding any aspect of the Society, including *The Neighbourhood Messenger*, please contact one of the following:

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A Glimpse of the Past



AFHS Photo

**WHITE Threshing Machine, prominently labeled by owner
THOS. N. ALLEN & SONS CO. LTD. ADOLPHUSTOWN ONT.
ca 1915-20**

Do you have an interesting photo of people, places or events that shows things as they were in the past? Let us feature it here!

The Neighbourhood Messenger is an electronic newsletter distributed exclusively to members of the Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Heritage Society.

As the receipt of our newsletter is one of the major benefits of Society membership, we ask that you NOT forward the newsletter to friends or relatives. Instead, we suggest that you encourage anyone you think might be interested in receiving a copy of *The Neighbourhood Messenger* to join our Society. A lifetime membership costs \$5, and in addition to ensured e-mail delivery of the newsletter, Society membership entitles those interested in our local heritage to be kept informed of, and participate in, all aspects of Society activities.

Anyone can become a member by sending a cheque for \$5 made payable to the Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Heritage Society, c/o Kathy Staples, 1105 - 828 Sutton Mills Court, Kingston, K7P 2S9.

If you are not currently an AFHS member please consider becoming one!

Message from AFHS President Angela Cronk, continued

In these times of downsizing and recycling, we often hear of photos and memoirs that get thrown out since no one knows who the photos are of or what the memoirs are about. An article in our next newsletter will demonstrate how, with a little extra effort, someone discovered some historical material in his attic and after a bit of a search (on the web!) located a person who was ecstatic to receive this information.

Our website is filled with all kinds of fascinating things from grave sites to stories of slavery in our local area. Many folks have given us photos or let us copy them for identification and posterity. We also have photo binders of most of the houses in the area past and present and reams of posters filled with information about local events, people and history.

All this to say, thanks to my fellow members of the executive who sometimes wonder what purpose we serve! We will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of our country next year and we know that we have done our part in memorializing our local history.

We have some interesting projects for 2017 so see you in the New Year!

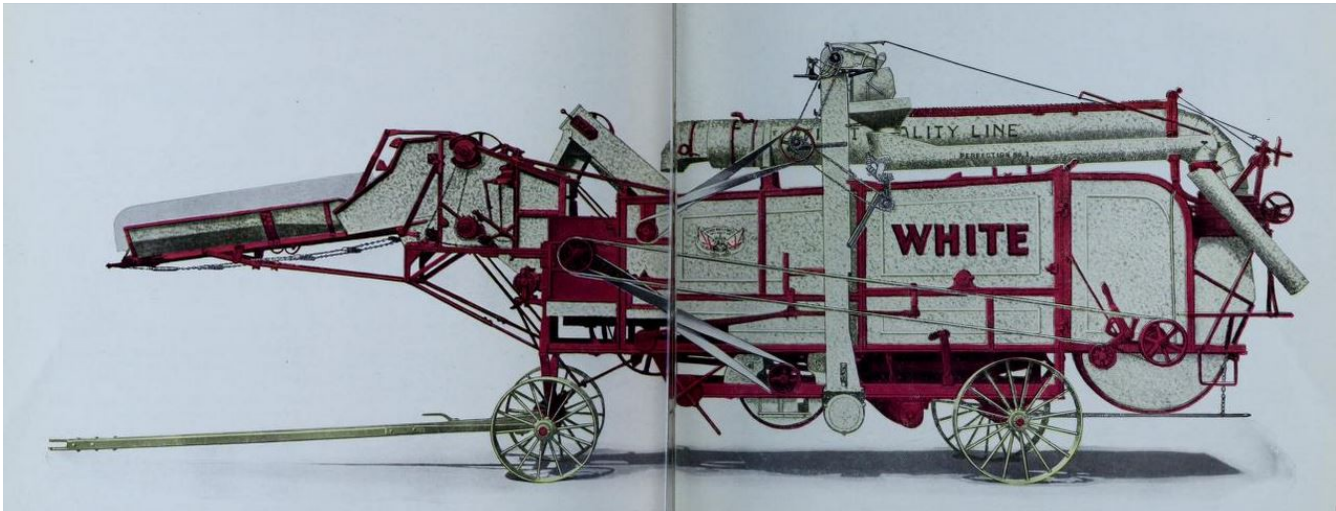
More than a Glimpse...

Jane Lovell

The threshing machine featured in **Glimpse of the Past** was manufactured by George White & Sons in London Ontario. It was likely powered by a steam engine fired by wood or straw. As is true today, farm equipment of the early 20th century was expensive to purchase. This threshing machine was owned by John Allen and he would have been engaged as a thresher for farmers on neighbouring farms.

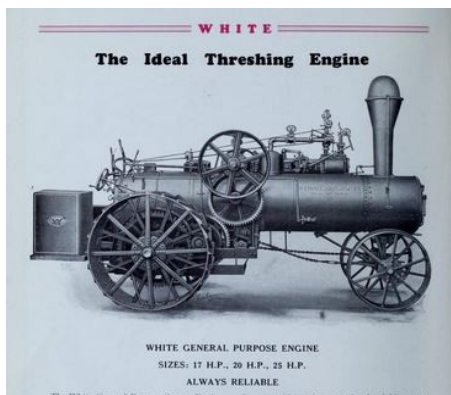
An undated White Threshing Machinery catalogue shows a model almost identical to the one in use on Adolphustown farms in the 1910s. The catalogue also promotes an appropriate steam engine to power the equipment.





The New White Roller Bearing Steel Thresher
"Equally Profitable for Farmer and Thresher"

Formed in 1889, George White & Sons was one of several producers of steam engines and threshers in southern Ontario. Situated in London with access to multiple railway lines, the company soon established agencies in the prairie provinces, where the demand far outstripped that of Ontario and provinces to the east. White patented his threshing machine in the year that he formed his company, and it soon became clear that the thresher's "simplicity of construction" and the company's ability to offer "only the most thoroughly tested articles, and those of established reputation, and nothing whatever of an experimental nature" made the White threshing machine a sought-after productivity tool. The success of the White threshing machines was such that the company gained a modest share of the Canadian market by the 1910s. However, by 1924 the steam era was over and George White & Sons ceased production of their steam engines. The company continued to manufacture threshers and other implements that could be driven by new tractors but with the loss of the core of their business, the company went into decline. It is unclear when George White & Sons produced their last threshing machine.



The Allen's thresher was not the only one in the neighbourhood at the beginning of the 20th century. Surprisingly, one still resides in South Fredericksburgh in the barn owned by Judy and Bill Peters on Lot 9



Additional in the First Concession. The lot, originally deeded to Joseph Pringle, was purchased by Arent VanDyck in 1811 and remained in the VanDyck family for next 150 years. While it is unknown for sure, it is most likely the VanDycks who acquired the McCormack-Deering harvester sitting in the Peters' barn.



International Harvester began producing threshers in 1909 and by 1923 they began to offer the 22" x 38" thresher under the McCormick-Deering name. Initially all threshers sold by International Harvester were made of wood, but by 1925 these wooden threshers were phased out in favour of all-steel models. This means that the VanDyck thresher would have been manufactured between 1923 and 1925 and could have arrived new at the farm at that time. How long it was used by the VanDycks is unknown, but the thresher could have easily been still in operation in the late 1950s.

SPECIAL SERIES OF POULTRY CONVENTIONS

TO BE HELD AT

Sillsville Town Hall, Tuesday, March 25th

Napanee Town Hall, Wednesday, March 26th

Adolphustown Town Hall, Thursday, March 27th

Under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Adolphustown Farmer's Club,

Programme

Afternoon and evening sessions will be held at each place, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively.

Subject and Speakers

Prof. M. A. Jull, Macdonald College, Quebec.—"Hatching and Rearing Chickens." "Breeding and Feeding for Winter Eggs."

Prof. W. A. Brown, Chief Poultry Branch, Ottawa.—"Egg Circles" "Care and Marketing of Eggs."

G. B. Curran, District Representative, Napanee.—"Breeds and Breeding." "Modern Poultry House Construction."

Men, women and children are cordially invited to attend these meetings. The speakers will be prepared to answer questions on any line of Poultry work.

For further particulars apply to

JOHN PROUT,
Sec. Farmers' Club,
Adolphustown.

O. ROBERTSON
Sillsville.

G. B. CURRAN, B.S.A.,
Agricultural Office,
Napanee.

Napanee Beaver

March 14, 1913

Old Hay Bay Church's Roots 2016 Celebration Recap

Kathy Staples

As everyone knows when planning an outdoor event, weather becomes the main concern. The good news was that there was no rain for the August 26th weekend but the bad news was that there was heat! However, that did not stop the festivities.

We had planned this weekend to be a celebration of the descendants of the original 1792 subscribers to Old Hay Bay Church and the families linked to the Drowning in Hay Bay.

The weekend started with a showing of the 1999 film *Discovering Emma* which revisits the drowning of 1819 as an historical fiction. Thanks to the producer, William van Asperen, the church was outfitted with a large screen allowing nearly 170 people to "remember when". Several of the cast and crew were present and Bill told the audience how the community, from Napanee to the south, helped make this film happen on a limited budget. One little visitor to the church told me that "you shouldn't show a movie in a church" but was assured that this told a story linked with the church's history. She and her sister appeared that evening to watch and eat popcorn provided by the Bath Lions Club.



Saturday saw the Bay of Quinte U.E.L. Association, the Lennox & Addington Historical Society, and our own Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Historical Society setting up displays. At nearby tables, authors Janet Kellough, Rebecca Wilkinson, and Ross Morton were available to tell about their latest books. A children's play area was also present.



Rebecca Wilkinson & Marion Egan,
Ross Morton,
and Susan Wright, Frank Abbey & Annemarie Bjørn at the AFHS display tent

A morning and afternoon bus tour around the area gave visitors a chance to see “how it was back then”. People wanted to visit their “roots” even if it was just a field. Our area is so fortunate to still have the old township hall; the UEL landing spot in Adolphustown Park; the old cemeteries which have been preserved; and the various historical sites. There was so much to see that a book *Old Sites – New Sights* was available so that people could revisit places on their own... hopefully next year.



While this was going on, *Insights* were being presented in the church. People were called to these mini talks by the ringing of the old German family school bell which had been donated after the Bicentennial celebrations of 1984. Peter Johnson, in uniform, told about the diverse backgrounds of 15 Loyalist Subscribers. Still in a woollen uniform he returned in the afternoon to talk about the current research on the complicated Huff family ancestry.

Judy Smith had a captivated audience for her two presentations – *The Saddlebag Preacher* and *A Stone with 10 Nails*. We had a visit from Mother Barnes who was known as the Witch of Plum Hollow (aka Elaine Farley) and Janet Kellough, story-teller extraordinaire, told some family tales.



Clockwise from top left: Peter Johnson, Elaine Farley, Judy Smith's *Saddlebag Preacher* display, Janet Kellough

Orland French spoke on the building of Old Hay Bay Church and the renovations which have happened over the years as well as the upcoming ones. The north shore was not forgotten as Jane Foster, manager of the Lennox & Addington County Museum & Archives, spoke on the neighbourhood on *The Other Side*.

One of the highlights was Steve Medd's musical tribute to his ancestor Peter Ruttan. The noon hour air was filled with Steve's music and his stories about his compositions. “The Ballad of Captain Peter Ruttan” was repeated at the Saturday dinner.



Steve Medd



Lyle Smith

The last *Insight* was a display of dowsing in the church cemetery. Lyle Smith was there to answer questions while others demonstrated – allowing interested people to try their hand at it.



Our Saturday and Sunday dinners at South Fredericksburgh Community Centre gave people a chance to meet their relatives. Just by “chance” two descendants of the Van Dusen family, one from Brantford and one from Florida, found themselves sitting at the same table. They are still in touch with each other and are busy collecting family history. The hall was a great place for the Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Heritage Society’s poster boards to be displayed and appreciated.



The entertainment was supplied on Saturday by *Seventh Town Celtic Trio* who along with their usual rousing music had composed a piece in tribute to the “Drowning of 1819”.... another highlight. On Sunday Marilyn Rodger displayed her Underground sampler, explaining the various patterns and their meaning to the slaves as they escaped to Upper Canada. People who enjoyed both dinners certainly had a variety of talent to see and hear.



Seventh Town Celtic Trio
Marilyn Rodger



Thanks to Bill Van Asperen we had a wonderful PA system which allowed people to sit outside under the tent or trees and try to keep cool. It was even noticed that several people stood in the cool waters of Hay Bay for relief. This may end up in a storyline in a new book.



Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair

Sunday started with an old Methodist Hymn-Sing both inside and outside of the church so the old pump organ had a good workout. The annual afternoon Pilgrimage Service started with familiar Methodist words led by two of our Trustees, Rev. Wm. McDowell and Rev. David Jones. The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair, who during the summers can be found "on the other side of the bay". He spoke about how we may "see" and "hear the words" of our ancestors if we look over our shoulder. He gave several examples of experiences he had had and many heads in the congregation were nodding in agreement. The service ended with the Kingston Salvation Army band playing some well-known hymns.

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Despite the heat, the weekend was a huge success. Some guests came for the whole weekend. Many planned their holidays around this event and stayed at Napanee motels. We noticed that in the weeks following "Roots 2016" we had returning visitors or others who had heard about the celebration and wanted to see "for themselves". Letters and emails have shown that people are feeling connected to their roots in Adolphustown and Fredericksburgh. They want to hear more and are regularly visiting our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#). Rebecca Wilkinson, who wrote the screenplay *Discovering Emma* and is author of *The Fourth* has been providing weekly history tidbits.

Although the church is now closed for the season, our visitors will be back next year and we'll welcome them "home".

Remember When

Judy Smith

- Our 1st Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald, born 1815 – Glasgow, Scotland, came to Canada 1820, moved to Hay Bay 1824-1835 with his parents, near Old Hay Bay Church Knighted by Queen Victoria in 1857
- Titanic sank – 1912, same year Old Hay Bay Church was reopened as a church after being a storage barn for the Platts
- Berlin Wall came down – 1989, same year Conway United Church lost its roof from storm
- Macpherson House built in 1826 – opened to public in 1967
- Bricks to build Adolphustown UEL United Church (1884) cost 1 cent each. Brought by boat to the wharf at Carnahan Bay and then by horse-drawn wagons to the church site
- Allison House (UEL Heritage Centre) built in 1878 for D.W. Allison on his marriage to Amelia Membury
- Allison Mausoleum, Bay Shore Road Adolphustown, built in 1864. Stone quarried from Kingston Prison by the prisoners
- Adolphustown Township Hall built 1864 – restored in 1982
- Old North Fredericksburgh Hall built 1855 – new hall 1987
- Old South Fredericksburgh Hall built 1865 – torn down 1968 – new hall built 1981
- Golf came to Napanee – 1897 – Golf Course Hill
- Napanee Fair – 185 years old in 2016
- UEL Cheese Factory, Dorland built 1897, burned 1943, built again, closed in 1972
- Community Club started for South Fredericksburgh and Adolphustown in 1949, closed in 1964
- Telephone invented by Alexander G. Bell – 1876. By 1896 Adolphustown, Conway, Dorland got phone offices in local stores
- Adolphustown Provincial Park Opened –1956
- Old Hay Bay Church erected 1792 – 224 years old – 2016
- South Fredericksburgh Heritage Committee started 1987 – 2009 Adolphustown and North Fredericksburgh included. Now called “Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Heritage Society”
- Drowning of 10 youths on Hay Bay August 29, 1819, 197 years ago. 2 boys, 8 girls
- Snow storm that closed all roads in area – 1977
- Schools of the area closed:
 - Adolphustown New School – 1966
 - Sandhurst School – 2011
 - H.H. Langford – 2012
 - South View School opens – 2012
- Women's Institute started 1897-- Stony Creek, Ontario, by Adelaide Hoodless
 - Adolphustown WI 1901-1995
 - Conway WI 1909-1942
 - Maple Leaf W! 1914-2002
 - Hay Bay WI 1960-
 - Hawley WI 1967-2012
 - Centennial WI 1967-2003
- Dorland Fire Hall built – 2008


- Hawley Hay Seeds started 1989 – Opening song, “How Do You Do Everybody”, closed with “So Long It's Been Good to Know You” -- Stopped in 1995
- 4H Canada – 100 years – 2013
- 4H Ontario – 100 years – 2015
- Microburst hit Hay Bay area, Sillsville, Conway, Sandhurst June 21, 2016. Barns and trees suffered!!
- Early Ferry at Glenora – Bob McLeod 1924-1951. Then Quinte, Quinte Loyalist and Glenora
- Ontario Hydro Plant – opened 1976 on Hwy 33
- Churches of the Area:
 - St. Paul's Church Sandhurst – 1791
 - Old Hay Bay Church – 1792
 - Ebenezer Lutheran – 1800
 - Quaker Meeting House – 1801
 - St. Paul's Adolphustown – 1822
 - McDowall Church – 1834
 - Hay Bay Church (North Shore) – 1845
 - Hayburn – 1867
 - Bethany – 1871
 - Anderson – 1872
 - Hawley – 1874
 - Gretna – 1876
 - Conway – 1882
 - St. Alban's & Adolphustown United Churches – 1884
 - Union Church – 1885
 - Sillsville – 1890
 - St. Jude's – 1892
 - Sand Hill – 1894

**Memories are good to have!
Share them!!**

**Today's Happenings are Tomorrow's
Memories**

Napanee Beaver
1879

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.
PRESENTS. PRESENTS.



— WE ARE —
GOING TO M. B. MALLORY'S

WHERE WILL BE FOUND

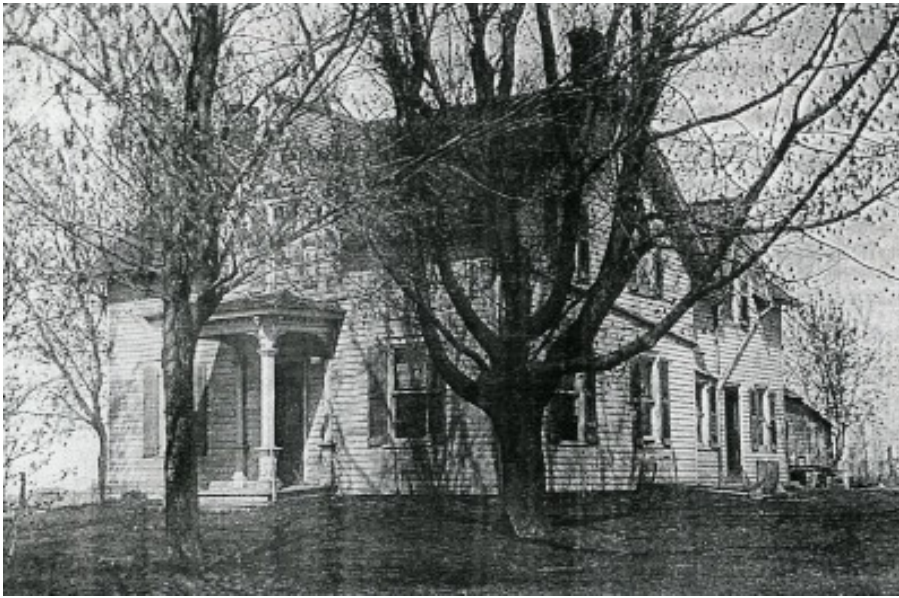
All Kinds of Fancy Goods and Toilet Articles.
A FINE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK OF JEWELRY,
SUCH AS

Gent's and Ladies' Chains, Gold and Silver Watches, Cuff Buttons, Shirt Studs,	School Books and Stationery, Shell Boxes, Card Cases, Gold and Silver Sets, Ear Drops, Brooches, Studs.	Combs and Brushes in great variety Large assortment of Perfumery. American Coral,
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Besides Hundreds of Other Articles too Numerous to Mention!
ALL THE CHEAPEST IN TOWN FOR CASH.
ALWAYS IN STOCK.
A Choice Selection of Drugs and Medicines, Paints, Oils, Glass and Putty.
M. B. MALLORY, Napanee.

Then and Now

Kathy Staples



1918-1929

AFHS Photo

Huyck Street
Lot 20, Concession 3
South Fredericksburgh
Original Land Owner:
John Reynolds
Owner (1918-1929)
Fraser Lampkin



2016



Where's Dorland Gone?

Maureen Mack (1973)

*Dorland is a little place
A mile and a half from Hay Bay
It used to have a telephone booth
But that's been taken away.*

*Our mail used to come via Dorland
But the government ruined that too
Now our address isn't Dorland
It's Napanee, R.R. No. 2.*

*But the greatest shock to this matter
Is when we got the new telephone book
when I couldn't find Dorland listed
I went through for another look.*

*I sat and tried to find it
My brow wrinkled up in a frown
Aha! There, I found it at last
We're under Adolphustown.*

*Things used to be so darn simple
Now it's very confusing to me
Do we live in Adolphustown, Dorland,
or R.R. No. 2 Napanee?*

*Now I sit here and wonder and ponder
Will they deliver the final slap?
Will they wipe our poor little Dorland
Right off the face of the map?*

Submitted by Judy Smith

Where is Dorland Now?

Jane Lovell

Over four decades ago Maureen Mack feared Dorland's disappearance from the maps of the area. That day has not yet arrived. A number of Ontario road atlases continue to show Dorland, as does the official [township map](#) for Greater Napanee. Interestingly, the township map shows Dorland along with Adolphustown and Sandhurst, but other small communities such as Parma, Conway and Sillsville have not been marked. In addition, Dorland, has an [aerial map](#) on the Town's website. Google Maps knows how to find Dorland but does not label it on the map.

By the time Maureen Mack wrote her poem in 1973, the Dorland Post Office had been closed for eight years. When the post office was closed in 1968, mail formerly addressed "Dorland" and distributed out of the Dorland Post Office, was handled via the rural route delivery system out of Napanee. Mail destined for Dorland was delivered along with mail to other small communities that made up Rural Route Number 2.

Finding the phone number for someone with a telephone in Dorland depended on when you were looking. In 1919 Dorland numbers were listed under Adolphustown. Each entry gave the name, the

number, and an address. The "address" was one of Adolphustown, Dorland, The Pines, Sillsville, Parma, Hayburn, U.E.L Post Office (parts of the Third Concession), Conway, Sandhurst and Bath (Bayshore Road and parts of Loyalist Parkway west of Bath that were not part of Sandhurst, Conway or Adolphustown). Of the 110 listings in the 1919 telephone book under Adolphustown, those for Dorland numbered eleven. In addition to listings for the hamlet of Dorland proper, listings with a Dorland address also included Roy Johnson and Herb Trumpour on the Third Concession, and George Ruttan on what is now Ruuth's Lane. The 1942 phone book contained only 61 entries for Adolphustown, of which 10 were for Dorland, including numbers for Russel Cousin's General Store and the UEL Cheese Factory. By 1954 Dorland had its own section in the phone book but listed numbers for people living in Conway,

ADOLPHUSTOWN.		
H. B. STOCK, Manager.		A. ARMSTRONG, Local Representative.
3r14 Allen, C. P.	Residence.....	Conway
2r2 Allison, C. F.	Residence.....	Adolphustown
4r21 Allison, C. R.	Residence.....	Adolphustown
6r21 Allison, D. H.	Residence.....	Conway
2r31 Allison, J. B.	Residence.....	Adolphustown
13 Allison, R. J.	Grocery.....	Adolphustown
9r23 Benn, Martin	Residence.....	Parma
7r21 Box, Hugh	Residence.....	Sillsville
1r24 Brooks, Chas.	Residence.....	The Pines
1r3 Brooks, Irvine	Residence.....	The Pines P.O.
8r12 Buck, Cyrus	Residence.....	U.E.L. P.O.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.		
W. A. G. SPRIGGS, Local Mgr.		JOS. J. GARVIN, Local Representative.
3r14 Allen, C. P.	Residence.....	Conway
2r13 Allen, John	Residence.....	Adolphustown
2r6 Allen, Parker	Residence.....	Bath
2r2 Allison, C. F.	Residence.....	Adolphustown
4r21 Allison, C. R.	Residence.....	Adolphustown
6r21 Allison, D. H.	Residence.....	Conway
2r31 Allison, J. B.	Residence.....	Adolphustown
13 Allison, R. J.	Grocery.....	Adolphustown
8r12 Beasley, Ed	Residence.....	Dorland

**Official Telephone Directory
Central Ontario (Eastern Section)
The Bell Telephone Company of Canada
1919 & 1920**

Adolphustown, R.R. 1 Sillsville, R. R. 1 Bath, and R.R. 2 Napanee, as well as for the nine people with Dorland addresses. All area phone numbers continued to be listed under Dorland in the 1960 telephone book, which also included entries for holiday establishments (Hay-Dor Cottages and Quinte Lodge in Dorland, Blakewood Lodge in Sillsville, and Elmbræ Lodge on Bayshore Road) and stores (L.S. Taylor in Adolphustown and H.L. Babcock in Conway). The Dorland Telephone Exchange had its own listing and telephone number (800) which was very different from the others listed in the directory. Up until the early 1960s phone numbers were of the form 2-R-22. Placing a call to people in the area involved dialing the local exchange and then asking the operator for a specific line and ring sequence. For example, the number for the Conway Store was 6-R-21. To phone through to the Conway Store, the caller would dial the Dorland exchange and then ask for "line six, ring two one". Someone at the store would pick up on the store's assigned ring sequence of two long rings followed by one short one. In addition

ADOLPHUSTOWN	
MRS WM GALLAGHER Operator	
Exchange operated by the Adolphustown Rural Telephone System	
Ackerman Wilfred Farm RR 1 Bath.....	6-r-2
Allen Alex Farm RR 1 Bath.....	6-r-4
Allison Fred RR 1 Bath.....	2-r-2
Allison Hugh Farm Adolphustown.....	4-r-6
Allison R J Farm Adolphustown.....	4-r-35
Allison Ross Farm RR 1 Bath.....	2-r-32
Bird Jas Farm Sillsville.....	9-r-11
Box Hugh Farm Sillsville.....	7-r-21
Brazill C C Rectory Adolphustown.....	4-r-2
Chalmers Albert Farm Sillsville.....	7-r-14
Chalmers Geo Farm Adolphustown.....	4-r-4
Chalmers Mrs Thos Farm Dorland.....	4-r-13
Cooper Henry Farm RR 1 Bath.....	6-r-32
Cousins Russell General Store Dorland.....	1-r-4

**Kingston and Vicinity
The Bell Telephone Company of Canada
1942**

DORLAND

MRS ARTHUR BARTLETT – Operator

Exchange operated by the Adolphustown Rural Telephone System

Ackerman Wilfred Farm RR 1 Bath.....	6-r-2
Allen Alex Farm RR 1 Bath.....	3-r-4
Allison Fred RR 1 Bath.....	2-r-2
Allison Harold Farm RR 1 Bath.....	2-r-13
Allison Hugh Farm RR 1 Bath.....	4-r-6
Allison Miss Mary Adolphustown.....	4-R-14
Allison Ross Farm RR 1 Bath.....	2-r-32
Angold Raymond RR 1 Bath.....	6-R-14
Aura Farms Hannes-Ruuth RR 1 Dorland.....	8-r-22
Babcock H Store Conway.....	6-r-21

Kingston and Vicinity
The Bell Telephone Company of Canada
1954

DORLAND

MRS ARTHUR BARTLETT – Operator

Exchange operated by the Adolphustown Rural Telephone System

DORLAND

MRS ARTHUR BARTLETT – Operator
 Eastern Community Telephone Co Ltd

Kingston and Vicinity
The Bell Telephone Company of Canada
1960&61

to the phone at the Conway Store, its proprietor, Harry Babcock, had a phone in his home. The 1960 phone book shows that Kingston and Picton had moved to an automated exchange with 7-digit phone numbers. The 1961 phone book shows Napanee had followed suit. By 1967 the numbers formerly handled through the switchboard out of Dorland had been converted to the now familiar “373” 7-digit numbers. When Maureen wrote her poem in 1973 there was no longer an entry for Dorland in the phone book. Dorland, however, continues to appear in the 2016 phone book under Local Exchanges. People looking for numbers in Dorland are directed to the Adolphustown entry, as are those looking for numbers for people in Conway and Sillsville. Sandhust numbers can be found under Bath. Surprisingly, the 2016 listings for Adolphustown still show a single phone number with an address of Dorland.

Initially, telephone service was supplied by many small independent companies. These companies were not listed in the 1919 and 1920 directories, but by 1942 the *Adolphustown Rural Telephone System* served the community, and did so until 1960 when the service was handed to the *Eastern Community Telephone Company*. These companies, along with the *Dunnville Consolidated Telephone Company* and the *Community Telephone Company of Ontario*, as well as other small telephone companies supporting

neighbouring communities such as Napanee and Picton, connected to the *Bell Telephone Company of Canada*.

Before the introduction of the automated exchange, it was individual operators who staffed the switchboard. The name of the operator was listed in the directory, and the last to run the Dorland exchange was Agatha Bartlett, who retired in 1964 after having served the community for many years.

DORLAND

The Dunnville Consolidated Telephone
 Company Ltd
 Head Office 129 Lock St., Dunnville, Ont.

**No long distance charge applies
 between Dorland and Napanee**

**For Direct Distance Dialing Calling
 Guide see Page 5**

Ackerman Harold RR1 Bath.....	373-2262
Ackerman Wilfred Farm RR1 Bath.....	373-2219
ADOLPHUSTOWN PARK	
Adolphustown.....	373-9303
Allen Alex Farm RR1 Bath.....	373-2208

Kingston and Vicinity
Bell Canada
1967

ADOLPHUSTOWN

Community Telephone Company of
 Ontario Limited
 Head Office 107 Broad E, Dunnville, Ont.

For Local Calling Areas – See Page 2

**For Direct Distance Dialing Calling
 Guide see Page 3**

Abrams Fred RR2 Napanee.....	373-9352
Ackerman Harold RR1 Bath.....	373-2262
Ackerman Wilfred RR1 Bath.....	373-2219
ADOLPHUSTOWN PARK	
Adolphustown.....	373-2632
Akey Dale RR1 Bath.....	373-9378

Kingston and Vicinity
Bell Canada
1976

Telephone directories courtesy of Susan Wright

Clippings

FASHIONABLE DANCING.
MR. J. ADAMS,
 (FORMERLY TEACHER IN EDINBURGH.)

BEGB leave most respectfully to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of Kingston, and its vicinity, that he has lately arrived from the above city, where he has studied under and assisted the first professors of that useful and elegant accomplishment; and that he has opened Mr. Myers' Assembly Room, where he has commenced giving instruction in all the most

NEW AND FASHIONABLE DANCES, as practised in London and Paris, viz. Spanish and Swedish Contra Dances, Quadrilles, Waltzes, Mescalanges, Gallopades, Mazourkas, &c. &c. &c.

TERMS.—6 Dollars per Quarter. No extra charge will be made.

Public classes, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 4 to 6; 6 to 8; 8 to 10, P. M. Private tuition, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Private Families and Schools attended in town and country.

Orders left at the Bookstore of James Macfarlane & Co. or at Myers' Hotel, will be duly attended to.

Kingston, November 23, 1822.

Upper Canada Herald
 February 27, 1833

HORSESTEALING.—A colored man named Edward Freeman, in the service of Patrick McAvoy, North Fredericksburg, took his master's span of horses on Tuesday last, and started off with them. The thief was traced to the township of Beverly, where he was fortunately arrested on Thursday night and the horses recovered. He was taken back to Fredericksburg on Friday, where a magisterial examination will take place. The prisoner has already served a term in the Penitentiary for the same offence.

Kingston News
 October 20, 1862

FOR SALE,
A Pair of STILLS,
 CONTAINING 180 Gallons.—For particulars inquire of PAUL TRUMFOUR, Esq. of Adolphustown. *March 12.*

Kingston Gazette
 April 2, 1811

Tea-Meeting — A very pleasant tea-meeting was held at the S. M. Church, Adolphustown, on Friday evening last. Several from Napanee taking advantage of the fine weather drove there, enjoying a good ride, and a beautiful repast supplied by the ladies. J. J. Watson, Esq., ex-Warden of the county, occupied the chair, Short, pithy and humorous speeches were made by Messrs A. D. Fraser, of Hamburg, Sprague, of Prince Edward Island, W. S. Williams of Napanee, and the Rev. W Bryers of Bath. The Proceeds amounted to about \$40.00 — *Napanee Standard*

Kingston News
 February 21, 1873

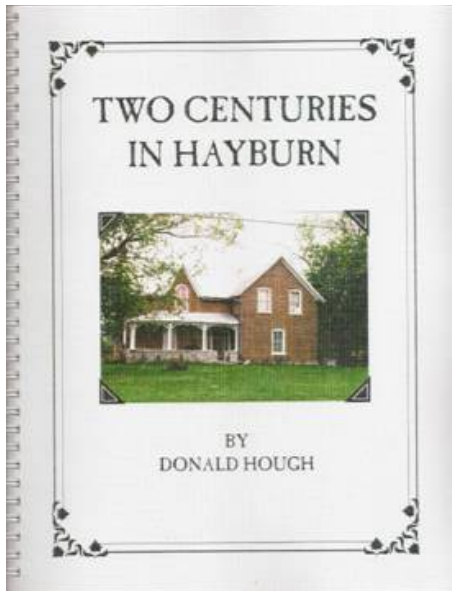
The Agricultural Show for the Township of North Fredericksburg will be held on Wednesday, 4th November, at the Town Hall near Lucas' tavern. South Fredericksburg Agricultural Show will be held on Friday, 6th November, at Howard's hotel.

Kingston Daily News
 October 30, 1863

Clippings courtesy of Susan Wright

To see more old newspaper clippings check out the Articles page on our website:
<http://www.sfredheritage.on.ca/articles.html>

From the Book Shelf



Two Centuries in Hayburn Donald Hough

Published in 2000, this document covers land records, lot by lot, of ownership on Concession 3, Additional, from the Crown Grant to the (then) present owner, and includes extensive genealogical information on the families who lived there. This book will prove invaluable to future generations, both as a record of land holdings and local family history.

Help Us Identify This:

We have no photographs we need help with for this issue.

Feedback from April's Help Us Identify This



We received no feedback concerning the people in this photo of a family gathering at the Parks homestead on County Road 9.

Do you have an old photograph for which you cannot identify the people, the place, or the occasion? Let us scan it and we can feature it in an upcoming issue of *The Neighbourhood Messenger*. One of our readers might know something that you don't!

"Inertia is the first law of history, as it is of physics."

Morris R. Cohen

AFHS News

Angela Cronk

The Spring Heritage Dinner (formerly Harvest Heritage Dinner) was held on May 14, 2016. As usual, Spuds provided a great roast beef dinner. The many displays and artifacts were perused prior to dinner and following the meal, we had four presentations by Judy Smith, Diane Berlet, Ida Hudson and Jane Lovell. The presentations, all "Back Stories" to articles appearing in *Voices 2*, were enjoyed by everyone. Debuted at that time, *Voices 2*, the second book compiled by Susan Wright, presents historical vignettes from various authors. (Copies of this book and others are now available at Conway General Store or from the Society – Christmas gifts???)

While "Roots 2016" was not an AFHS event, it was an important part of our local heritage and several of our committee members played a part in it. Kathy Staples did an amazing job of orchestrating this huge event!! There is an article in this newsletter with the whole story.

Our AGM was held on November 23. John Gordon stepped down as Vice President over the summer and Frank Abby accepted the nomination to fill the vacant office. We were saddened to learn that John died on December 15. John served as both President and Vice President of the AFHS for many years, and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize his long-term commitment to the Society. He will be missed. Our current executive will continue with the addition of Frank Abbey as Vice President. Please let me introduce them all:

The 2017 Slate of Officers of the AFHS:

- President – Angela Cronk
- Vice President – Frank Abbey
- Secretary – Kathy Staples
- Treasurer – Stan MacMillan
- Webmaster – Susan Wright
- Sales Directors – Joan Reynolds & Elizabeth Vandenberg
- Communications Director – Jane Lovell
- Directors – Pat Galt; Grant Huyck; Judy & Lyle Smith

The position of Cemetery Director remains open and we would welcome anyone who would like to help us with this position. Next year we will be applying for a grant to have uniform signs for all our cemeteries and we will be examining a way to showcase our area to tourists. We are always looking for new ideas for highlighting and promoting our local heritage. Feel free to drop in to our meetings anytime!

Seasons Greeting to all!

THE NAPANEE EXPRESS—SEPTEMBER 24, 1915

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When Preserving

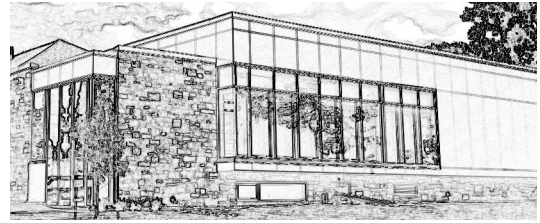
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From the Archives



[Lennox & Addington County Archives](#)

In this issue we are introducing a new **From the Archives** feature. The Lennox & Addington County Archives' collections contain photographs of people and places in Adolphustown and Fredericksburgh. **From the Archives** will showcase these photographs.

This circa 1936 photograph of the students at SS # 1 in Adolphustown was selected for this inaugural appearance of the **From the Archives** feature.



Photo courtesy of the L&A Museum & Archives, ACC# 2016.40

Only some of the children have been identified. Do you recognize any of the others?

Front Row: ? Allen; ??; ??; Jack Chalmers; Junior Prout; ??; Harold McCormack; ??; Jim Chalmers

Second Row: ?? Bob McLeod; ??; ??; ??; ??; Jean Foster; Roberta Allen

Third Row: Fourth from left -- Margery Chalmers

Back Row: Clapp?; ??; ??; ??; Floyd Allen

A Curious Thing

Angela Cronk



April's Curious Thing

Antique Car Flower Vases

Between 1895 and 1920, about the time automobiles were starting to be developed, there became a need to freshen the smell in the car a little. There were no air fresheners as we know them today so people installed vases in the car and put fresh flowers in them. There were various styles and types of glass used – some were clear etched crystal (like this one) but there are also ones in Carnival glass, Vaseline glass or other coloured glass. Sometimes a pair of them were held in metal brackets on the inside of the vehicle. One car manufacturer that made them was Daimler (British Auto maker). The current Volkswagons that have flower vases on the dashboards are fashioned after the cars of the early 1900's.

Some forums say it was the smell of the chauffeur that prompted the addition of the vases. People didn't have access to modern deodorants or anti-perspirants back then and the inside of the car got pretty stuffy and humid during those hot summer days!

The first cars to have the car flower vase in were electric cars. (Isn't it funny how things come back around if you wait long enough!). The Model T Ford was a popular car at the time and a fair number of them had a car flower vase in as well.

In the 1950s, the famous Rosenthal pottery company made some beautiful vases. One rare shape designed by Hutschenreuther fetches up to 750 USD today. These fine objects were seen in the even finer Rolls Royces and Porsches of the time.

I was told that this one appeared in a Daimler between 1910 and 1920. A current use for them that I suggest to customers is for a bridal bouquet.

What is this?



Submitted by Angela Cronk

This Beaded Birdie is about 8 1/2 inches from beak to tail. (And, no, it is not a Christmas ornament!)

Please contact angelacronk@gmail.com if you recognise the item. Tell us what it is called, what it is used for, during what era it was used, and anything else you can tell us about it.



Do you have some weird thing hanging around your home or barn? Take a photo of it and send it in – we can feature it here in a future issue.

And Furthermore...

The October 2015 **Curious Thing** was submitted by MaryKay Morris. It was given to her mother in 1942 when prescribed by Dr. Walmsley of Picton for MaryKay's infant sister who was suffering from Whooping Cough. The following is MaryKay's description of how the object was used:



A candle was placed on the bottom and a sort of camphor mixture was placed in the top disc or bowl. The candle would heat the mixture and the vapours breathed by the person with a troublesome head cold.

Jane Foster, Manager of the Lennox & Addington County Museum & Archives, recognized the object: An identical item is part of the Museum's collection. The Museum's *Vapo-Cresolene Vaporizer* is complete and is accompanied by the Cresolene bottle and boxes for both the vaporizer and the Cresolene itself.

The Vapo-Cresolene Company was established in 1879 and had offices in New York City and Montreal. The Vapo-Cresolene Vaporizer was not patented in Canada until 1887, but it was remained in use well into the 1950s.



Photo Courtesy of L&A County Museum & Archives

Much can be gleaned from the boxes and the bottle label. It is interesting that Whooping Cough, the condition afflicting MaryKay's sister, is prominently called out on the front of the box as one of the maladies treatable by the vaporizer. Other gems from the bottle and boxes:

Vapo-Cresolene

A vapor inhalant easing the paroxysm of Whooping Cough and spasmodic croup, difficult breathing in bronchial asthma, cough in bronchitis, nasal congestion in catarrh and hay fever, head colds and cough due to colds.

CAUTION

Not to be taken
internally

POISON**ANTIDOTES**

Internal -- Give milk,
raw gruel or cornstarch
paste, follow with
emetic (tablespoonful of
mustard in a tumbler of
water)

CALL PHYSICIAN

External -- Bathe with
alcohol or whisky, then
use olive, cottonseed
or linseed oil

Other antidotes appear in instruction booklets accompanying the Vapo-Cresolene Vaporizer:

Large doses of whiskey, vinegar, Epsom or Glauber Salts should be given once if Cresolene is swallowed or if falls on the skin, apply vinegar or alcohol. Cresolene imparts a burning sensation to the skin and is poisonous if taken internally.

THE CRESOLENE VAPORIZER

The medical profession and the public have required a medium for impregnating the atmosphere with remedial agents. Numerous atomizers have been invented and extensively sold; these have been only partially effective as the particles of liquid sink to the floor and the treatment is only applicable for short intervals and while the patient is awake. The use of the vaporized antiseptics for certain inflammatory diseases of the air passages is well recognized and a valuable method of treatment. The patient is enabled to breathe an atmosphere permeated with the desired medicament for a more or less prolonged interval, preferably at night and may undergo the treatment undisturbed and at a time when rest is most desired. The air-passages are then penetrated by the restorative vapor with every breath. Cresolene has been used since 1879 for the relief of the diseases for which it is recommended.

From the Attic

We are looking for old photos and documents from Adolphustown, North and South Fredericksburgh. Just about any old photograph would be of interest: photos of people, homes, farms, schools, churches, or community or family events. Even if you do not know the people or places in the photos, maybe someone else in the community does. Old publications relating to township businesses, schools and churches often contain fascinating details of life in their era.

Some items we are currently looking for:

OLD PHOTOS or Real Photo POSTCARDS:

- The Adolphustown Town Hall
- The South Fredericksburgh Town Hall at Sillsville
- The U.E.L. Cheese Factory, Adolphustown
- St. Paul's Church, Main Street Adolphustown
- The Old Store at Adolphustown
- The Old Hotel at Adolphustown
- Conway Store
- Conway Wharf
- Phippen Cheese Factory
- Fredericksburgh Train Station
- McDowall Presbyterian Church
- Camp Le Nid
- Glen Island
- Tarry Hall

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letters or postcards bearing postmarks from local towns and villages
- Correspondence from someone serving overseas during either WWI or WWII

BOOKLET:

- Constitution and Roll of Officers and Members of Camp Le Nid, 1902

If you are looking for any specific photos or documents, let us know and we will add it to our "Attic" list. **Newly added items will be highlighted in blue!**

Contribute to *The Neighbourhood Messenger*

We publish *The Neighbourhood Messenger* several times a year. If you have an old photograph or newspaper clipping to share, a story to tell, or an event to publicize, let us know. Please send submissions to jane.lovell@kos.net.

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