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Summer Invasion

This summer marks the bicentenary of the War of 1812. Once hotbeds of action during that war, communities along the shores of Lake Ontario from Niagara to Gananoque will play host this summer to a full slate of celebratory and commemorative events depicting the stories of Canada's last conflict with our American neighbours to the south. Here in Adolphustown and North and South Fredericksburgh, the Loyalist Parkway threads its way through our local villages and past historic sites, some of which played a role in the war, and leads us just beyond our townships to Bath. Then known as Ernestown, Bath was pivotal in the naval engagements of June of 1812. Now, two hundred years later, Bath will play a starring role in celebrating the defence of our shores against the American fleet. We need no better excuse than a big party next door to dedicate most of this issue to sites and events of the War of 1812.

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.

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Our Meetings

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

Our Website

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

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If you have questions or suggestions regarding any aspect of the Society, including *The Neighbourhood Messenger*, or anything else of interest to you or to the Society, please contact one of the following-

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A Glimpse of the Past



Bath c1908

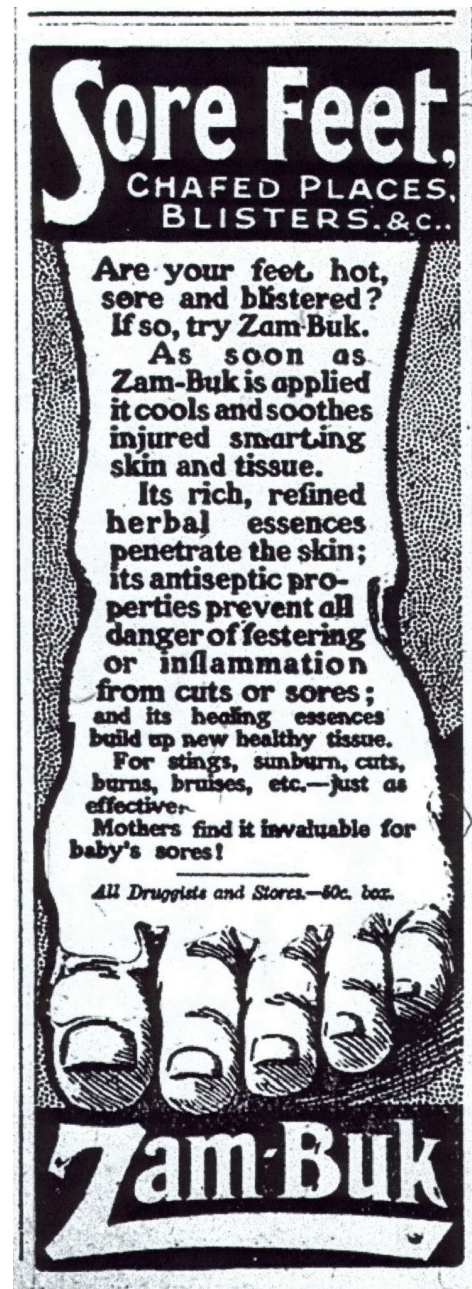
Modern Postcard Made from an Original Negative

This view shows the two-story verandahs that were once a feature of the village of Bath. (Zoom in for a better view.) A fire in 1942 destroyed most of these buildings. The Maple Leaf Masonic Lodge (not visible in this shot) is the only building remaining in Bath displaying the distinctive verandahs.

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

Events Calendar

May 19 – September 1	Wellington Heritage Museum Tinsmith – The Nash Family's Private Collection
May 25 – July 14	Lennox and Addington County Museum Free Masonry, a History Hidden in Plain Sight
May 28 – August 24	Macaulay Heritage Park Our Sporting Past
June 10 – September 16	Ameliasburgh Historical Museum Remembering Roblin's Mill and the Heritage of Milling in Prince Edward County
Saturdays June – August	St. Alban's Church Tours of the Historic Church – 10 a.m. to 12 noon
June 4 - November 30	Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston Kingston War Ships 1812 - 1814
June 17	Adolphustown United Church Annual UEL Service - 11 a.m.
June 17	St. Alban's Church Annual UEL Service - 2 p.m.
June 18	UEL Heritage Centre & Park UEL Flag Raising and Recognition of 1812 Veterans Graves at the UEL Cemetery in the Park, with participation of Re-enactors --12:30 p.m.
June 18	Fort Henry 1812 Banquet in the Officers Dining Rooms – 6 p.m.
June 19	Old Hay Bay Church Open for the Season 9:30 – 5:30 daily
June 29 & 30 July 1	Bath to Kingston The Flight of the Royal George Re-enactments See Featured Events, below
July 1	Bath Bath Canada Day Parade "Celebrating Bath's Heritage" 1 p.m.
August 12	South Bay United Church, Milford PEC Mariners Memorial Service – 3 p.m.
August 18	Fort Henry 1812 Overture at the Fort – 7 p.m.
August 24-26	Gananoque Attack on Gananoque See Featured Events, below
August 26	Old Hay Bay Church Pilgrimage Service –3 p.m. Guest Speaker: Rev. Bob Williams, General Secretary of the Board of Archives & History of the United Methodist Church (U.S.A.). Music by Trinty, P.E.Co.



Napanee Beaver
July 25, 1913

The Society meets every fourth
Wednesday in the month at the
South Fredericksburgh
Community Centre at 6.30 p.m.
Please join us!!

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, 304 Staples Lane, Napanee K7R 3K7.

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

Feature Event: 1812 Celebrations in Bath

The site of the Escape of the Royal George is marked by a plaque opposite the Upper Gap near the Lennox Generating Station west of Bath on the Loyalist Parkway. The narrow escape of the British ship from an assault by the American fleet, and a further encounter between the two forces at Kingston is best summarized by the inscription on the plaque:

Opposite here is the gap between Amherst Island and the eastern tip of Prince Edward County. On November 9, 1812, the British Corvette "Royal George" (22 guns), commanded by Commodore Hugh Earl(e), was intercepted off False Duck Islands by an American fleet, comprising seven ships under Commodore Isaac Chauncey. Pursued by the enemy, "Royal George" escaped through this gap into the Bay of Quinte's North Channel. The chase resumed in light winds the following day when she arrived safely in Kingston harbour. Chauncey, intent on capturing the largest British warship then on Lake Ontario, attacked her in the harbour, but after exchanging fire with "Royal George" and shore batteries, was forced to withdraw.



On June 29th this summer the battle will be re-enacted in the location of the original engagements. Other naval displays and military encampments will take place or will be situated all along the waterfront from the Upper Gap to Kingston. In all, 5 tall ships, 10 gunboats, 14 British/Canadian and 10 American Regiments will participate.

The War of 1812 Celebrations In and Around Bath

Friday, June 29

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- 1812 Period Encampments at Fairfield-Gutzeit House & the Academy in Bath, Massassaga Battery (Kingston Marine Museum) and Point Henry (Fort Henry)
- Period Music and War of 1812 Artifacts on display at the Discovery Centre at the Fairfield-Gutzeit House in Bath
- Tall Ships at docks in Bath and Amherst Island
- Tour of the Brig *Niagara* at the Fairfield-Gutzeit dock

7:30 p.m.

- 1812 Overture at South Centennial Park

Saturday, June 30

9 a.m. – 12 noon and 2 – 4 p.m.

- 1812 Period Encampments open to the public

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Museums display at Finkle's Shore Park

10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 – 4 p.m.

- Free horse drawn wagon rides through the Village

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Bath Museum open – free admission

12 noon

- The Royal George, pursued by the American fleet appears in the Upper Gap and a naval battle ensues. British Batteries and spectator viewing at Howell's Windmill.

1 p.m.

- The Village of Bath comes under fire and is occupied by American forces. British Batteries and spectator viewing and Finkle Park and Fairfield-Gutzeit House. A proclamation to the inhabitants of Upper Canada is read.

9 p.m.

- Evening naval engagement on the bay in Bath



Sunday, July 1

9 - 10 a.m.

- 1812 Period Encampments open to the public

10 - 11 a.m.

- The Schooner "*Two Brothers*" burns. American forces repelled and tall ships leave the port of Bath headed for Kingston.

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Fleet sails to Kingston where the Americans attack the British Batteries
- Spectator viewing areas at William Fairfield House (Amherstview), Herkimer's Nose (Lemoine's Point), Massassaga Point (Kingston Marine Museum), Point Frederick (RMC) and Point Henry (Fort Henry)

1 p.m.

- Bicentennial Parade in Bath featuring the AFHS float of Upper Canada's First Windmill

Dusk

- Fireworks display in the area behind the Fire Hall



Gananoque Re-enactments

The first U.S. attack on the St. Lawrence River Gananoque, September 21, 1812 will be commemorated in Gananoque from August 24 through August 26.

Friday, August 24

- Morning set-up of encampment in the town parks
- Proclamation and skirmishes with 2nd Leeds Militia
- Re-enactors' evening reception/exhibits at Arthur Child Heritage Museum

Saturday, August 25

- Encampment, sutlers, artisans and displays
- Afternoon naval battle
- Live entertainment
- Evening naval battle

Sunday, August 26

- Skirmishes – call to arms
- U.S. attack on Gananoque



Windmills and Cannon Balls

Jane Lovell

"About four miles from the Village [Bath] is the ruin of an old mill – a relic of the U.E. Loyalists – and it is hoped that it will be permitted to stand as a memento of the past. During the war of 1812 cannon frowned from the windows of this old mill."

Arthur W. Moore **Canadian Illustrated News** September 29, 1877

While the mill does not now stand on the shores of Lake Ontario, the 200th anniversary of the mill's role in the War of 1812 is an appropriate occasion to honour Moore's wish that the mill be regarded as a link to our Loyalist roots. The Adolphustown-Fredericksburgh Heritage Society set about devising an appropriate marker to commemorate the ingenuity and industry of the first settlers in the region, and a year ago began a search for the origins of that once prominent landmark along the both the land and marine routes from Adolphustown to Bath.



"OLD MILL, NEAR BATH"

Sketch by Arthur W. Moore

Original Source: *Canadian Illustrated News*, September 29, 1877, Vol. XVI, No. 13, Page 197, from Library and Archives Canada. Copied from *Upper Canada's First Windmill*, Gwendolyn Smith, 1993.

The story of the defense of the British Fleet from the ramparts of an old mill is dramatic and persistent in local lore and written history. Moore's description is not the first account of the action that took place more than a half century prior to the appearance of the 1877 article. Eight years earlier, a description of the mill being used in the defense of the shores of Fredericksburgh township appears in *History of the Settlement of Upper Canada (Ontario) With Special Reference to the Bay Quinte* by William Canniff. Here he recounts "A shot it is said was fired from the old windmill by some militia men there, which was replied to."

The definitive evidence of the fortification of the windmill can be found in a the militia roll dated July 7 1812 supplied by Captain C. Parke of the Lennox Militia at Fredericksburgh to his commanding officer. The Return of Strength of Captain Parke's company lists the names and ages of 36 members of the company and concludes with the postscript "Ordered to Windmill 10".

While the windmill's use in the defense of the shores of Fredericksburgh during the War of 1812 is indisputable, the rest of the mill's history is less clear. We know only from non-contemporary references (Canniff (1869), and *Pioneer Life n the Bay of Quinte* (1904)) that the windmill was first owned by Sergeant John Howell and later by James Russell. Howell lived in Fredericksburgh while still enlisted in the King's Royal Regiment of New York and he fathered children there (between 1789 and 1796). We can assume that he arrived some time between 1784 and 1789, but we do not know when he might have built a windmill. No reference to Howell is made in the list of grantees of Crown Deeds in Fredericksburgh. James Russell does appear on the list as receiving a patent for Lot 15 in 1803. This "transfer" jives with the Canniff and *Pioneer* references. Since both of those references state that Howell built the windmill, we could assume that the windmill was built during Howell's tenure. The earliest date for his arrival would have been after 1784, but considering the mill was a large stone structure (as evidenced by the 1877 sketch by Moore), it is highly unlikely that Howell would have been able to build a such a large edifice in his first few years of settlement. A comprehensive investigation into the history of the windmill was made by Gwendolyn Smith in *Upper Canada's First Windmill* in 1993. Smith suggests that perhaps Russell (an engineer and carpenter) aided Howell in the construction of the windmill. That might put a date of its erection sometime in the late 1790's. This timeframe predates that of the construction in 1832 of the wind-powered gristmill at Prescott, considered one of the earliest in Upper Canada. The Prescott windmill, converted to a lighthouse in 1872 and still standing, played an historic role in the Rebellion of 1837. 1832 also saw the erection of the Gooderham & Worts Windmill (also a gristmill) at the mouth of the Don River in Toronto.



Prescott Windmil

From *Canadian Illustrated News*, May 4, 1878, Vol. XVII, No. 18, Pages 280-281. Reproduced from Library and Archives Canada's website "Images in the News: Canadian Illustrated News".

The acquisition of Lot 15 in Fredericksburgh by Russell roughly locates the windmill to the west of the current County Road 21, just west of the Lennox Generating Station on Loyalist Parkway. The sketch that accompanied Moore's 1877 article holds several clues as to the location of the windmill. The illustration is titled "Old Mill, Near Bath" and shows a ruin of a large tower before a body of water. To the left and the right of the tower are points of land, with the gap between them guarded by a lighthouse on the right-hand point of land. Any illustration near Bath showing a large expanse of water would be of a view looking south. Travelling west from Bath "about four miles from the village" (according to Moore's article) brings us to the Upper Gap between Amherst Island to the east and the Pleasant Point lighthouse on easterly tip of Prince Edward County to the west. This jives with Canniff's account, where he places the windmill "nearly opposite the Upper Gap in Fredericksburgh".

Narrowing the scope of the location of the windmill still further, and matching both Moore's description and his sketch, is a reference to a windmill on an 1820 map entitled "Plan of part of Lake Ontario Bay of Quente". This map shows a windmill west of Bath opposite the Upper Gap.

In 1987, Smith interviewed Agnes Willis, the owner of part of Lot 15. Mrs. Willis recalled that circular ruins were in evidence on the lot when she purchased it in 1956. Much of the rubble was removed to the back of her property, while some stones were used in the construction of her well. Many of the remaining stones were piled near the road, a few of which were still in evidence in 1993. The current owner, Howard Shaw, confirms that there is indeed a pile of stones to the rear of his lot and that similar stones had been used for a well that has now been dismantled. Nothing remains of the roadside cairn which was excavated and removed as part of the road widening work in the late 1990s or early 2000s. Most significantly, however, Mr. Shaw has been able to point out to several members of the Society the impression of the remains of a circular structure between his house and the road. Discontinuities resulting from subsurface remains or disturbance of the soil cause the grass to grow differently in the area where the walls of the tower once stood. Depending on the time of year, the variation in vegetation marks a well-defined circle of approximately 10 metres in diameter. This measurement corresponds well to the size of the ruin as it appears in Moore's sketch. There can be little doubt that this circular impression is the remains of the famed Howell's Windmill.



Impression of Windmill Tower Foundation

Photo Courtesy of Howard Shaw

Darker grass is visible in a circle near the centre of the photograph. Changing the viewing angle of your screen can improve the circle's contrast to the surrounding lawn. The shot was taken from a location that approximates the view in Moore's sketch, with Amherst Island on the horizon to the left and Pleasant Point to the right.

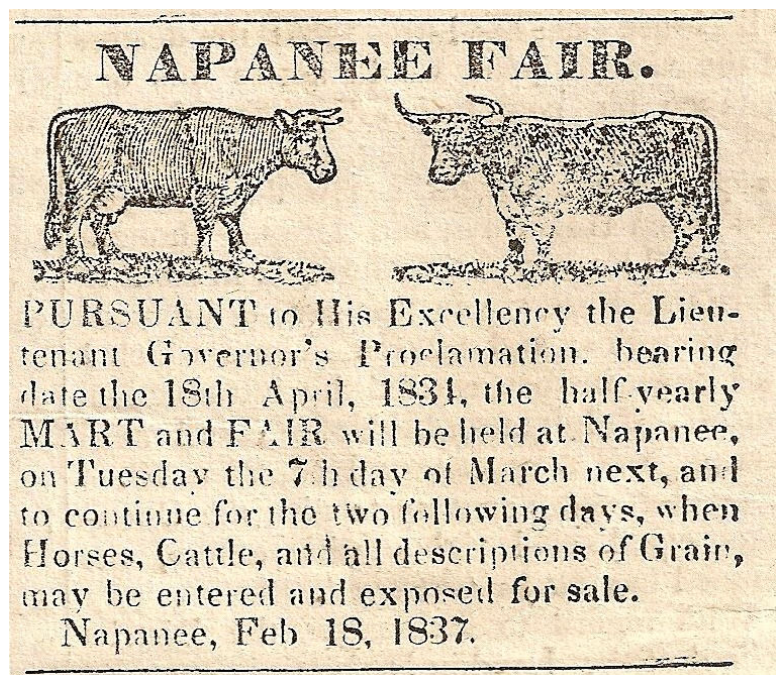
What the windmill might have been used for is unknown. Early water-powered mills in operation all around the Bay of Quinte, such as the one at Glenora (1796 – early 1900s), and the one opposite Hay Bay on Green Point (Roblin's Mill, early 1800s to late 1800s), were mostly lumber, grist, or carding mills. Abraham Maybee ran a water-powered lumber mill just to the east of Adolphustown, likely in the early 1800s. It is also possible that early settlers transported goods to be milled to Glenora or Napanee (where a lumber mill was built in 1786, and a gristmill commissioned in the following year). According to *Adolphustown and South Fredericksburgh 1784 – 1964* there were four lumber mills and two gristmills in Fredericksburgh in 1850. 1854 saw an additional four lumber mills in operation in Adolphustown. It is unknown if one of the mills appearing in the Fredericksburgh enumeration was Howell's Windmill. A lumber mill would have been an unlikely use for the windmill, as they were generally more substantial operations and would have left evidence in the form of foundations for mill buildings in addition to that of the windmill tower. While the diameter of base of the windmill would have been appropriate for a gristmill (normally a two-story structure and from 10 to 13 metres in diameter), it seems unlikely that one should be erected so far from any commercial hub (Bath or Adolphustown). In addition, the unsheltered shore directly in front of the mill would have been untenable as a location for a loading wharf. Access up the 3- or 4-metre precipice at the shore would also have been difficult – no cut has been made in the shore near the site of the tower. Road access to the mill would have been more likely, but again, not particularly handy. Ruth Wright writes in *The Front off South Fredericksburgh* that the mill was built as a gristmill but due to a lack of parts remained inactive after its acquisition by Russell. An alternative use is suggested by Smith who, based on the geology and topography of the site, makes a case for the windmill being used to draw water from the lake for livestock.

Also unknown is how long the mill remained in operation. Certainly, as is evidenced in Moore's sketch, the tower was in ruins by 1877. Canniff, writing in 1869 states that only "remains still mark the spot". Curiously, Canniff also writes "The windmill was never used much, if at all". We know only that the tower retained enough of its structural integrity to be fortified in 1812. However, by the late 1800s only a part of the tower remained standing and by 1956 only the foundation was visible. Today the windmill has vanished from view, except on rare occasions when a shadowy footprint marks where the tower once stood.

We are delighted to have found the site of Upper Canada's first windmill. Enough is known about mill's origin and history to commemorate it with a meaningful plaque. This we plan to erect opposite the site in a dedication ceremony over the summer. In addition to the commemorative sign, the Society will be highlighting the role of Howell's Windmill in the War of 1812 by entering a float in the Bath Bicentennial Parade.

Much of the detail for this article was gleaned from *Upper Canada's First Windmill* by Gwendolyn Smith. This work, along with *The Front off South Fredericksburgh* by Ruth Wright and to *Adolphustown and South Fredericksburgh 1784 – 1964*, is published by the Society and is available from our website:

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



British Whig
February 19, 1848

Then and Now

Kathy Staples

Two lots to the west of the site of Howell's Windmill brings us to Lot 13 Concession I Fredericksburgh and the Downey House at 7691 Loyalist Parkway.

"The Downey storehouse and a long dock were built in 1871 near the gap. From here barley was shipped across the lake to Oswego, New York. Barley was a profitable crop until the U.S. tariffs were put on in 1890. Hay, too, was loaded from this pier."

The Front of South Fredericksburgh by Ruth M. Wright



Archibald Downey House, Storehouse and Docks 1910

Photo Courtesy of Susan Wright



Downey House 1926

Photo courtesy of South Fredericksburgh Heritage Committee



Downey House 1989

Photo courtesy of Kathy Staples



Downey House Storehouse 1999

Photo courtesy of Kathy Staples

Erratum:

Missing from the **Then and Now** section in our April issue was the location of the Rickerton Hawley House. It can be found at 140 Third Concession Road, Adolphustown.

The Front of South Fredericksburgh is published by the Society and is available from our website <http://www.sfredheritage.on.ca/Books.htm>.

Clippings

Five Dollars Reward - runaway from the subscriber on the night of the 30th September, JOHN WHITE, an indented apprentice to me, aged sixteen, is short and stout built, say four feet six or seven inches high, pock marked, had on when he went away a black round jacket and fustian trowsers. Also, said J. White took with him, a small boy by the name of John Myer Blunt, aged about seven years, is fresh faced, has large eyes, had on large ribbed corduroy trowsers, a new wool hat, is very light of his age, when he walks his toes turn in a little. Also, on the afternoon of October 2d, Jonas Corristor, a boy about seven or eight years of age, freckled in face, very stout built, had on an old striped flannel shirt, brown flannel trowsers, a black cloth round jacket - All the above boys have other clothes with them.

Any person that will return the above Boys to their master, or lodge them in any jail in this, Johnstown, or Newcastle Districts, and give the subscriber proper notice of it, shall be entitled to the above reward, or Four Dollars will be paid for John White alone, Six pence for James Corristor, and any reasonable charges paid.

MOSES CARNAHAN, Adolphustown,
October 4, 1818

The above unfortunate Boys have had no cause whatever for what they have done, and I must observe what is most astonishing, their behaviour for the whole season has been GOOD, and not the smallest disaffection is known to have existed. - If the said Boys will immediately return to their duty, all will be well. M.C.

Kingston Gazette
October 13, 1818

SHERIFF'S SALE.
Midland District, } **BY** Virtue of a
TO WIT : } Writ of Fieri
Facias issued out of Her Majesty's Court of
Queen's Bench, and to me directed, against
the lands and tenements of Thomas Douglass, at the suit of Thomas B. Anderson, William Walker, William Forsyth and John B. Forsyth,—I have seized and taken in Execution as belonging to the said Thomas Douglass, the West half of Lot number Eleven in the first Concession of the Township of Fredericksburgh additional, which I will expose for Sale at the Court House in the Town of Kingston, on Monday the first day of March instant, at 12 o'clock, noon.

A. MCDONELL,
Sheriff M. D.
Sheriff's Office, Kingston, }
28th November, 1840. } 43im
The above Sale is further POSTPONED
until Thursday, the first day of April next,
Kingston, 1st March, 1841.

Kingston Chronicle & Gazette
March 27, 1841

List of Licences for **TAVERNS** and
SHOPS issued by the inspector of
the Midland District for the year
1848.

TAVERN LICENCES -
Adolphustown

Andrew Gerow, Robert Leitch

British Wig
February 19, 1848

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>

Help Us Identify This:

Do you know who these ladies are or where or when these photographs were taken?



Photo Courtesy of Judy Smith

The Membery Gals:

The woman petting the cow is identified as "Mrs. Membery". Can you tell us which Mrs Membery? Do the buildings in the background hold any clues as to the location of the shot?

Amilia Membery (then Mrs. D. W. Allison) appears on the left with two other women before a substantial house in town. Do you know who the other women are or where the photo was taken?



Photo Courtesy of Peggy Allison

Feedback from April's Help Us Identify This:



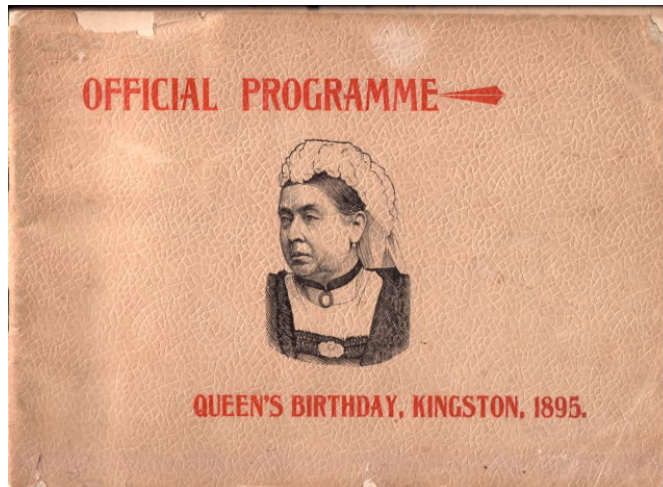
Harry Wells, from whom this photo was obtained, identified the man standing behind the fish and flanked by two boys as his grandfather Peter Frailey Wells, who took possession of Glen Island in 1933. The two boys are his sons Harry and Ralston. The island remains in the Wells family.

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


Celebrating the Monarchy

Jane Lovell

This summer Britain and much of the Commonwealth have been caught up in events commemorating Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. In 1895, just two years short of her own Diamond Jubilee, Queen Victoria was the focus of elaborate birthday celebrations in Kingston. The event, publicised by the British Whig in a souvenir programme, ran for two days – Friday and Saturday May 24th and 25th.



Few of citizenry of Kingston could fail to be aware of declaration of the start of the festivities with the 6 a.m. ringing of all the church and city bells on Friday morning. With Kingston's military roots, it is not surprising that the military parade and review, including a royal salute, were highlights of that first day. For the most part, however, the programme for the two days was filled sporting challenges and other events and spectacles with appeal for the whole family. Skiff races, horse races, baseball games and lacrosse matches pitted teams from Portsmouth and Belleville against the Kingston hometown favourites. Bicycling was all the rage at the time and the Kingston Bicycle Club provided the entire program for the Saturday of the holiday weekend. However it was on the Friday evening that the bicycle craze was allowed free rein. At 7 p.m. a muster was held for the participants in the "Fancy Dress and Illuminated Bicycle Parade." Once amassed, cyclists proceeded along a twisting route through downtown Kingston. A highlight along the waterfront was an attack on the Deadwood Stage Coach by Indians, bravely defended by the Cowboys.



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M. W. ROBINSON, MANAGER.

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G. M. WELLS won the 1894 Canadian Championships at Montreal on the Eclipse Bicycle.

The souvenir programme was a substantial publication at 60 pages. Prefaced by a short history of Kingston and containing many photographs of city views and prominent buildings, the two-day programme occupied a scant three pages. The remainder of the *Official Programme* was given over to advertising by the many businesses in downtown Kingston.

<p>GO TO THE KINGSTON BOTTLING WORKS For Ale, Porter, Wines, Liquors. ALL KINDS OF TEMPERANCE DRINKS. ICE DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE CITY. WM. PIPE. TELEPHONE 313. 259 and 261 PRINCESS STREET.</p> <hr/> <p>ESTABLISHED 1867. The Thompson Bottling Co. <small>MANUFACTURERS OF</small> Wine Soda, Sparkling Apple Nectar, Lemon Sour, Ginger Ale, Orange Phosphates, Cream Soda, Et'c. KINGSTON, - ONTARIO. Agent for Reinhardt's and O'Keefe's celebrated Lagers.</p> <hr/> <p>THE DOLLAR <small>THAT GOES IN A PAIR OF</small> SUTHERLAND'S SHOES <small>TRAVELS A POPULAR ROAD.</small> <small>LOTS GO THAT WAY.</small></p>	<p>COME ONE! COME ALL! To WHITE'S DINING HALL, Where you can get a good meal at any hour for only 15 cts. The only Hot Meal Restaurant in the City. 230 PRINCESS STREET, KINGSTON.</p> <hr/> <p>MONCRIEFF & BRYSON, <small>DEALERS IN</small> STOVES AND TINWARE All kinds of Tinsmith Work promptly attended to. 226 PRINCESS STREET, KINGSTON. Three doors above Opera House. 'Phone No. 252.</p> <hr/> <p>DR. J. E. SPANKIE'S PHARMACY AND SURGERY 260 PRINCESS STREET. Open on Sundays. Telephone 443.</p>
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The telephone had obviously come to Kingston as several establishments list their telephone numbers, but refrigeration still required the use of ice, available from the providers of "Ale, Porter, Wines, Liquors and ALL KINDS OF TEMPERANCE DRINKS"

While the *Official Programme* for Queen Victoria's 76th birthday celebrations was primarily a promotional tool for businesses in Kingston, it contained a wealth of information for the tourist and spectator at the time. Now, 117 years later, it gives us a glimpse into the everyday and special day lives of the people of Kingston, including the passions, pursuits, and morality of the times.

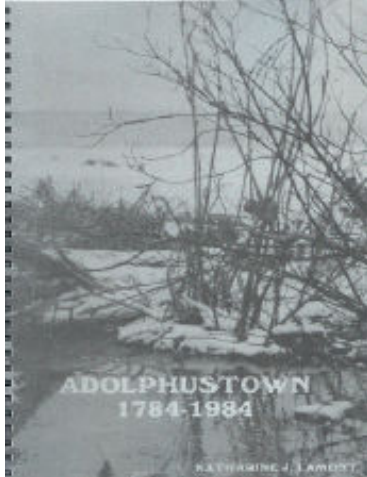
The present is the whole sum-total of the Past.

Thomas Carlyle

From the Book Shelf

Adolphustown 1784-1984

Katharine J. Lamont



In 1984, the Adolphustown Bicentennial Committee published a book highlighting the history of Adolphustown township. The book was reproduced by the South Fredericksburgh Heritage Committee in 2005.

This publication includes photos of the township, maps, lists of inhabitants of Adolphustown, churches and schools, as well as family information.

The Society periodically publishes books reflecting our local history. Our catalogue now contains thirteen titles. (See our website (<http://www.sfredheritage.on.ca/Books.htm>) for a full list, along with a brief description of each book.)

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

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.

A Curious Thing

Angela Cronk



April's Curious Thing

This item is called a seeder or planter made of cast iron and has a row marker arm to keep the rows even! I'm sure many of you knew what this antique tool was used for but if anyone has any additional information, please let us know!

I think that I would have had a pony pulling it along!

Here is another item for you to identify! It is about 3 1/2 inches long.

What is this?



Submitted by Angela Cronk

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.

Contribute to *The Neighbourhood Messenger*

We publish *The Neighbourhood Messenger* 4 times a year: in April, June, September and over the winter. If you have an old photograph or newspaper clipping to share, a story to tell, or an event to publicize, let us know. Submissions for the September issue must be received by jane.lovell@kos.net before the end of August.

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