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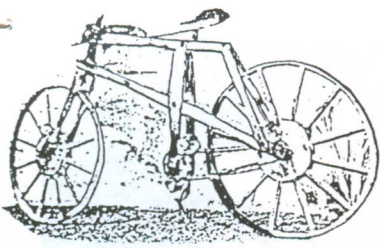
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Message from the President



Hello Again!

Spring is here and with it, inevitably, comes an increase in activities everywhere - from the garden to meetings, trips, etc., reflecting the renewal of energy we all feel after a long cold winter.

The society participated, in May, in the "Lions Family Day", held in the Barrett Arena. Perennial plants from our gardens were a popular item. Lovely knitted baby sets, donated by Nancy Ritchie, plus a "Draw" for a carriage cover, also knitted by Nancy, was won by Lois Long. Thanks to all those who participated.

Last Saturday (May 30th), we joined other local heritage groups, at the Regional Headquarters, in the celebration of a Community Day to mark 25 years of Regional Government. We spent an interesting day renewing contacts with many other volunteer groups. The highlight of our presentation was our new travelling exhibit, produced by museum students from Algonquin College, under the direction of Lynne. It is now ensconced in the City Hall library and is visible from the lobby. Please look at it when next you visit the library, it is very informative!

We thank all those who have taken advantage of the membership renewal form in the newsletter, and welcome new members, Mary Bryden and Greg Hutton, among others.

Our door is open for family historians and City of Gloucester researchers on Thursdays. For additional information, please call 822 - 2076.

Lillian Kitchen

To Former and Present Residents of Hawthorne Area

In May of 1995, the Gloucester Museum of the Gloucester Historical Society is planning an exhibit of the Hawthorne area, from 1830 to the expropriation of the 1950's.

We would like to have the participation of the families who have lived in Hawthorne in the 30s and earlier, to show the present generation what home life was like at that time.

Written articles are really the best items, as they portray people's views on everyday occurrences, and tell it exactly as it was at that time.

Pictures of the area would also be excellent, as the landscape has changed completely since the '30s, when herds of cows headed for the barns along what is now the Walkley Road, and horses were used to transport not only bags of grain and machinery, but also people, travelling to and from the city.

We would welcome any information you have pertaining to family, the Hawthorne area, the school, teachers and neighbours. After all, it is the families who make the place interesting, and it is the family histories that will keep your grandchildren and great-grandchildren interested in visiting museums and archives in the coming years, with their children. They will be interested too, in reading articles written by an Aunt, Uncle, or Sister of someone they know, so put your name on it and become a part of their family story.

Please let us hear from you, we are starting our collection now, so that there will be plenty of time to put it all together.

NOTE: *Remember this is for May 1995, but your early participation would be appreciated.*

GLOUCESTER MUSEUM NEWS

The museum has two new exhibits. The travelling exhibit "**Preserving Gloucester's Heritage**" was set up in the foyer of 4550 Bank Street on April 26 and remained there for the month of May. On May 28th it was taken to the Regional Community Day held at the Regional Headquarters. On June 2nd it was taken to the City Hall Branch of the Gloucester Library, where it will remain until June 28th. If you are going past City Hall at 1400 Blair Place take time to have a look.

The opening of the exhibit "**Kreative Kitchens -1930**" was attended by approximately 80 people and has been visited by a number of people in May and June.

This hoosier cupboard is part of the exhibit.

Want to know what else is here?

Come see!

Thanks to the energy and dedication of the Algonquin College Museum Technology 3rd year students, the exhibits are a great success.



The "**Hawthorne**" exhibit is in the preparation stages and **Ruth Lafortune** will be compiling all the historical information that comes in during the summer.

Bill Mellon has been investigating the possibilities of an exhibit on The Armed Services **LETE (LAND ENGINEERING TEST ESTABLISHMENT)**. It is destined to close this summer and has been part of Gloucester for 50 years.

Ten collections of 190 artifacts have been registered this year. Thanks to the wonderful assistance of **Barbara Sigridson** the artifacts are part of the collection. There are many more donations that have yet to be accessioned.

If you have some time to spend documenting these other artifacts, please call.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of many donors there are some interesting new dishes, glassware, documents, cameras, clothing etc.....

Loans of artifacts have been made to Billings Bridge Estate Museum of two artifacts - the bathtub and the small wooden bed. They are being used in an exhibit "**From Head to Foot**" which is a very interesting history of beds used at the Billings house. This exhibit was prepared by Museum Tech. students under the direction of **Sheila Rorke** Exhibit Coordinator for Billings and a member of the Gloucester Museum Board. **Well worth a visit!**

We have loaned a few small items to Cumberland Museum which will be used in an exhibit on packaging. The Pinhey's Point Museum is borrowing three of the school desks and three inkwells for their summer exhibit on **schools of the 1920's**. The Gloucester Museum will be recognised in the exhibit labels. This is an excellent way for the museum to be publicized locally.

Have a happy summer!

Lynne Terroux - Museum Director

CYRVILLE

So far as is known the Cyrville area was called "Delorme" up to the 1850's and for the most part was forest. Cyrville is in the north west section of Gloucester Township (now the City of Gloucester), Carelton County. The land was fertile and suitable for growing vegetables. The fact that Bytown (later Ottawa) was only about three miles away would help the settlers as it provided a ready made marketplace for their produce.

Mr. Louis Cyr and his brother Michael were pioneer settlers who came from France. Michael Cyr bought all 200 acres of Lot 27, Concession 2, Gloucester Township, from John Forgie in 1853 according to the entry in the Carleton Registry Office. In the early 1860's the Cyr brothers sold some of their land to settlers with names such as Parisien, Guilbert, Triole, Plante, Carriere, Parent, Brule, and Laviolette.

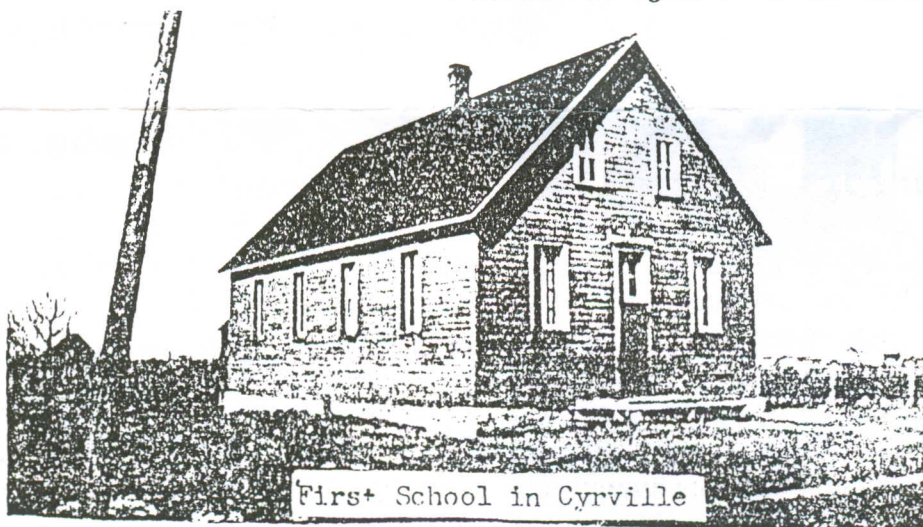
In the 1860's the name of the community was changes to "Cyrville". A church and school were needed, and on February 25, 1967 the Parish of Cyrville was formed. The Cyrville Notre de Lourdes Church was ready for use by 1872, and fully completed by 1882.

In 1898 the Ottawa - Montreal Railway (later known as the Canadian Pacific Railway), was completed and ran south of the village. In 1909 the Grand Trunk Railway was built through the village, this line ran almost parelled to the Ottawa River. In 1907 property had been bought for the Cyrville Station. Later the Canadian National Railway and New York Central Railways were built south of the village.

Electric power lines were extended to the Cyrville area in 1928 when 30 families put electricity in their homes.

On June 7, 1933 about 11 a.m. a severe hail storm hit the area, breaking windows, and driving garden plants into the ground. Although it lasted only five minutes the damage caused was enormous, and the gardners had to set out new plants all over again.

-From the Glen Ogilvie Tweedsmuir History



Do have any information or history, on this early Cyrville school?

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A VISIT TO THE
CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION?**

The Gloucester Historical Society is considering an organized, guided visit to the Canadian Museum Of Civilization In Hull, provided enough members are interested.

If you would like to participate phone the GHS at 822 - 2076 to indicate your interest . If a sufficient number of people wish to attend we will make every effort to arrange a visit in September.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS / NEW MEMBERS

The Gloucester Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Gloucester's history. Volunteers are needed for projects such as: THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER . HISTORICAL RESEARCH . SOME OFFICE WORK . FUND RAISING . ASSISTANCE WITH DISPLAYS AT VARIOUS EVENTS (5 TIMES PER YEAR) . RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS. RESEARCHING AND DOING ORAL HISTORIES . BROCHURES .

Pleased call 822 - 2076 and state your area of interest.

Members of the Orléans community who would be interested in researching the history of the Orleans area, are invited to become involved. Bilingualism is an asset.

Re: The wooden bicycle (see front cover).

Built in 1898 by 17-year-old James Blair who lived in Gloucester on the now site of Ritchie Feed & Seed store off Innes Road. He would often ride it all over the farm and enjoyed the attention when taking it to the Byward Market in Ottawa. Bystanders were amazed at the ingenious assembly of bits and pieces into a useful means of transportation made almost entirely of wood.

(The wooden bicycle is in the collection of the GLOUCESTER MUSEUM.)

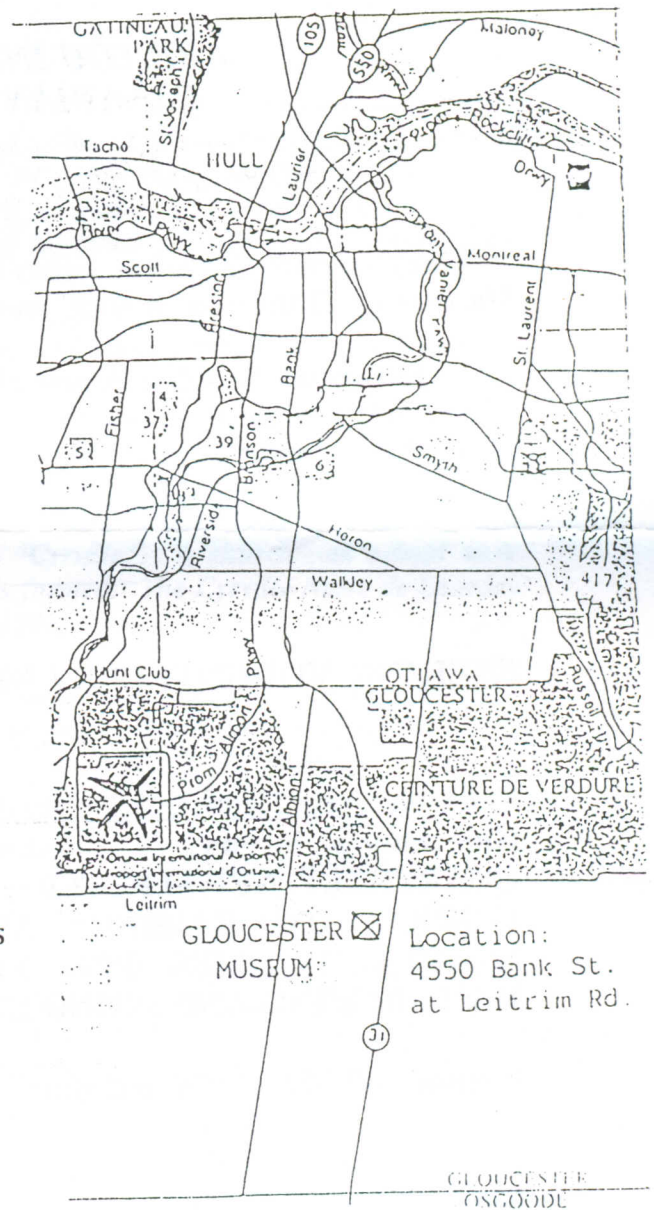
Gloucester Historical Society and Museum
 Gloucester Museum, Grace Johnston History Room
 City of Gloucester Archives, G.H.S. Office
 4550 Bank Street at Leitrim Road

Société historique et Musée de Gloucester
 Musée, La Salle historique Grace Johnston et
 les Archives municipales, bureau de S.H.G.
 4550 rue Bank intersection chemin Leitrim

Museum:
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 am.-4 pm
 May - October, Sunday 1-4 pm (and by request)
 History Room & Archives:
 Thursday, 1-4 pm and by appointment
 Educational programs are available for schools,
 youth organizations, service clubs and groups.

Musée:
 mardis, mercredi, jeudis 10 h 00 à 16 h 00
 mai - octobre 13 h 00 à 16 h 00
 La salle historique & Archives:
 les jeudis, de 13 h 00 à 16 h 00 (sur rendez-vous)
 Des sessions éducatives sont disponibles pour les enfants
 d'âge scolaire, les groups et clubs sociaux.

FOR INFORMATION 822-2076



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