

Cornwall Township Historical Society

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Editor: Don McIntosh

Don Kenny is looking for more information about a wool carding factory located in Bonville. Can you help?

Cornwall Woollen Manufacturing Company

This wool carding factory was set up by John J Tomb, an ancestor of one of our newest members, Marcia G. Kennedy, of Guelph, Ontario. J.J. and Nancy (Agnes) are buried in St Andrews, Martintown.

The factory was on concession 7, in school section 22, and on lots N ½ & W ½ of 14, N ½ of 15 and N ½ & E ½ of 16 (as per the assessment document). This is all in the Belden Atlas for 1879.



Carding Machines

Going west from Bonville, Ontario, the property starts around the sign for Bonville's western edge, and ends at the property line for the last farm which is at the SE corner of the 'T' junction. The property is on the south side of the road, and is now very scrubby, and mostly planted with rows of reforestation trees. I did not walk in to look for foundations or any other indications of a mill. The property totalled 200 acres.

Mr. Tomb was either living in the mill property or off building another plant somewhere. The plant location is off putting, but I suppose it would facilitate the sheep owners in the area. I did not see another manufacturing company in Cornwall Township on the Assessment Roll. There were manufacturers (carriages, wagons, etc.), but not listed.

The Belden Atlas shows another township Woollen Manufacturing Factory, this time on Shiek's Island, immediately across from Moulinette. My recollection is that there was a causeway, and perhaps a dam, at that location. This makes sense as most factories needed some sort of power source.

Tomb had previously built carding plants in northern New York State (Bombay and/or Malone), and after Bonville, went on to build another one in Alexandria. The Bonville location was later bought up by the Cornwall city cotton mills.

Marcia and I would very much like to hear from you if you have anything to add or correct.

Don Kenny.
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Jim Brownell, president of the Lost Villages Historical Society, has invited us to their annual general meeting dinner on

Monday May 21 at 6:00 pm. This is *not* a pot luck event; rather, a sit down dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. The cost is \$15.00 per person and reservations are a must! We encourage CTHS members to attend as this event will replace our June pot luck dinner. You must call in your reservations before May 16 to: Vale Brownell at 613-537-2531 or Jane Craig at 613-534-8831. Please honour your reservations as the \$15.00 applies to all reservations and you will be responsible for 'no-shows'.

Guest speaker for the event will be Darren Dalglish CEO and General Manager of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

Time: Monday May 21 at 6:00 pm

Location: Christ Anglican Church Hall in Long Sault (across from new OPP station).

Cost: \$15.00 per person.
Reservations before May 16 a must!

Our sympathies are extended to the families of recently deceased members Marland Murray and Willie Rutley. Willie died March 22 and Marland, April 20. Both members will be truly missed.

Coming Events



The next meeting of the CTHS is Tuesday May 22 at 7:30 pm at the Heritage Centre. This is our AGM where election of officers for the coming year will take place. Please try to attend.

Diamond Jubilee Tea



On Saturday May 26 the Lost Villages Historical Society is hosting a Diamond Jubilee Tea to mark 60 years of the Queen's reign. The event runs from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at the new Township Hall in Long Sault. For details or to book a group table, please phone Sharon Fraser at (613-534-8534) or Vale Brownell at (613-537-2531). Cost is \$8.00 per person. Everyone is welcome.

War 1812 Arts & Artifacts



On Saturday June 16 CTHS in conjunction with the Lost Villages and Chesterville Historical Societies, we will host an event commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. It's a War of 1812 Arts and Artifacts show that will feature displays, collectables, period entertainment as well as works from local artists, young and old. The event is held in the St. Andrews Parish Hall and runs from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Admission is freewill offering only.

The Lost Villages Society will be running their popular bus tours of the Lost Villages. The tours will be held June 24, July 22, August 26, and September 16 2012. Tour guide is Jim Brownell. Call 613-534-2197 to reserve your spot.

The following items were submitted by Maureen McAlear. The first is a bill for items her grandfather Dan Fraser, purchased in 1914 from Masterson's store in St. Andrews.

St. Andrews West, Ont., _____ 191

Dan Fraser

In Account With
W. L. MASTERSON
DEALER IN
GROCERIES, TOBACCO, HARDWARE
DRY GOODS, PAINTS, Etc.

1914

Jan 8	100 Flour	3 00
" "	Pair Mitts	50
" 14	1 gal oil	20
" "	Sugar	25
" "	Tea	30
" "	Salt	10
" 19	2 plug tobacco	20
" 24	Sugar	25
Feb 3	2 plug tobacco	20
Apr 7	Salt	20
	Raw oil	15
		\$5 35

Paid Oct 14 1914
W. L. Masterson

100 lbs flour \$3.00
 Pair of mitts 50¢
 1 gal oil 20¢
 Sugar 25¢
 Tea 30¢
 Salt 10¢
 2 plugs of tobacco 20¢
 Sugar 25¢
 2 plugs of tobacco 25¢
 Salt 20¢
 Raw oil 15¢

Total \$5.35

Paid Oct 14, 1914

Interestingly, carrying charges were not assessed even though the account was carried from January to October. Life was much simpler

in the days before credit cards!

Below is a bill from Atchison's near First and Pitt St in Cornwall. Dan Fraser hauled cedar logs from his own bush to Cornwall in 1918 to have them cut for roofing shingles for the house that Maureen and her mom live in today. Total cost \$44.47.

P. O. Box 15
Telephone 73

CORNWALL, ONTARIO, *Apr 15* 1918

M *Dan Fraser*

ATCHISON & CO. Dr.
BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
SAW AND PLANING MILLS

MANUFACTURERS OF
Doors, Blinds, Window Sash,
Moulding, Flooring, Ceiling,
Clapboards, Balusters,
Newell Posts, Stair Rail,
Concrete Blocks, Lintels,
Piers, Cement Brick,
Concrete Pipe.

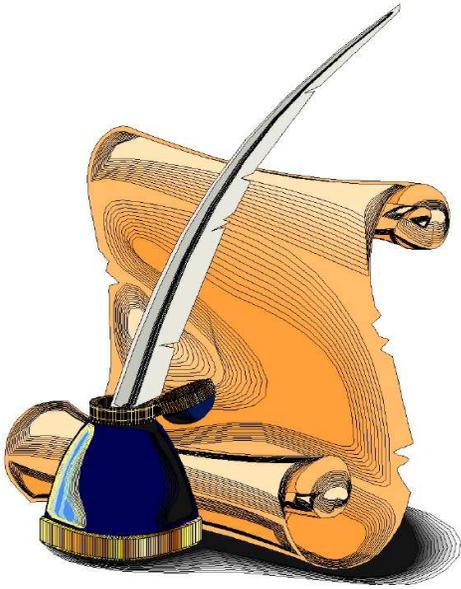
DEALERS IN
Lumber, Lath, Shingles,
Cement, Plaster Sand,
Plaster Paris, Brick,
Gravel, Builders' Hardware,
Beaver Board,
Plate, Window, Colored and
Fancy Glass.

TERMS CASH. 7 per cent. Charged on Overdue Accounts.

1918	50	12 M Shingles 35¢	4200
Apr 19	20	374 Dan's Flour	125
" 19	20	Dan's (348 lbs)	122
		Total	4447
			3500
			1947

JUL 11 1918
RECEIVED PAYMENT
Atchison & Co.

The President's Pen



This brief offering of the pen is somewhat saddened by the recent passing of Marland Murray. Although not one of the original founding members of the CTHS, Marland became an ardent life member shortly after its formation. A dedicated and staunch supporter of the Society and its aims: he will be sadly missed.

On a much lighter note, I recently received a telephone call from long-time member and Past President, Dale Duncan. She expressed her concern about a collection of materials of possible historical significance which had been bequeathed to the CTHS by the late Alex Mullin of Long Sault. This collection is currently stored

in an upstairs closet at our Centre and, until Dale Duncan phoned me, I was completely unaware of its existence.

Alex Mullin worked at the Standard Freeholder newspaper in Cornwall for many years, possibly decades, before retiring in the late seventies. As a reporter and photographer he would report extensively on the news and community matters. Alex was also a bee-keeper in private life and lived with his widowed mother on the Post Road near Long Sault. Alex died in 1997, but sometime in 1995 he contacted a good neighbour, one Jim Brownell, and through him Alex made the bequest of his extensive collection to the CTHS, where it sits at the present time. When this matter was brought up at our April 24th General Meeting, a motion was made to gift the Alex Mullin collection to the Lost Villages Historical Society, unconditionally. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Costello