

Innisfil Notes



MARCH 17, 2012

Innisfil Historical Society

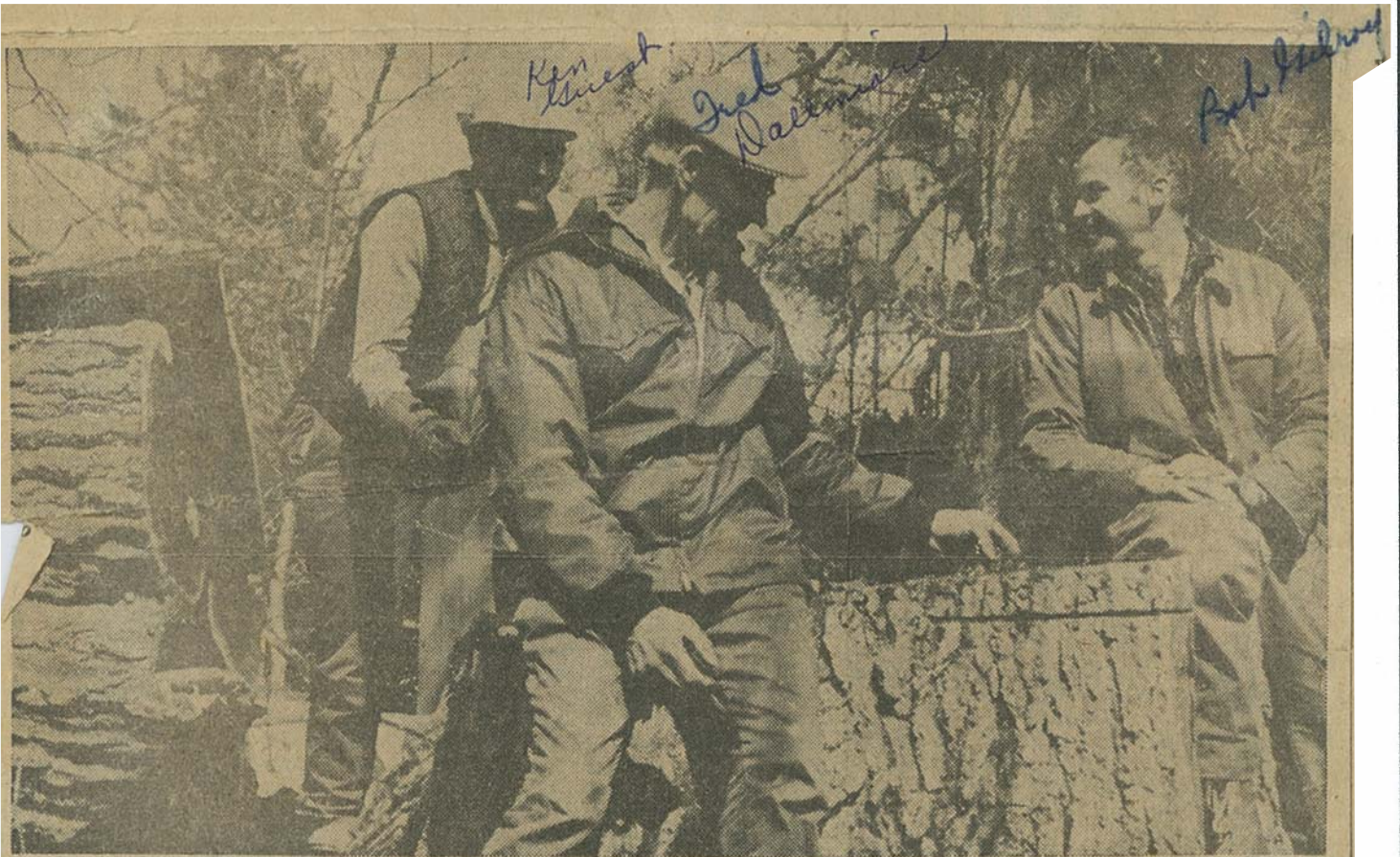
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Meeting Place: Knock School Heritage Site

#7756 10 Sideroad at 9th Line, Innisfil

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SITTING ON the stump of a tree that once marked a bit of Simcoe County's history are,

(from left), Ken Guest, of Lakeside Tree Experts, Fred Dallimore, a Sandy Cove

area resident, and Bob Gilroy, also of Lakeside Tree Experts. The tree succumbed to old

age and rot. (Examiner Photo)

March 17th, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

*CAROLYN WEBB -
Button Collector*

Carolyn grew up in Innisfil, and is a member of a BUTTON CLUB that has been active for 50 years. Her collection dates from about 1850 to the current time. She will explain the significance and stories behind these vintage buttons. She has suggested that our members, if they have any in their possession, to bring them along for discussion purpose. Many of her collection will be on display.

**Some other dates & events for
March & later this year:**

**ST.PATRICK'S DAY –March 17th
and
THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING
March 20th**

**Towards the end of March, the 24th
and onward, the world's longest
dogsled race runs more than 1,600
km from Anchorage all the way
across Alaska to Nome:**

THE IDITAROD.

**Each 'musher' trains between 8 to
18 huskies for the course, and each
sled carries snowshoes, a sleeping
bag, an ax, booties for the dogs'
feet, and plenty of food for the
team and the musher. The team
runs into 30-foot snowdrifts and
60 miles an hour wind, to
complete the course for a prize.**

*-and these dates for your
calendar:*

CELEBRATE LAKE SIMCOE July 28th

**INNISFIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
40th ANNIVERSARY
Nov/2012 (more in next letters)**

**Our Society will also participate in
the Family Fun Day, Farmer's
Market and the Celtic Festival,
with a historical display and sale
of our history books.**

**Our source for book sales is also
the Town Hall in Innisfil.**

**-and speaking about our history
books:**

**JUST BECAUSE – a gift shop, so
much a part of the Cookstown
Street Scene, has closed its doors.
Owner Councilor Lynn Dollin had
to make this decision because of
her many other roles in
government, to be fair to all,
herself and her family.
Our Society would like to thank
Lynn for making the sale of our
history books a part of
Just Because.**

**Our sincere congratulations to
Innisfil Historical Society member
HELEN BELL who turned 90 years
young on February 7th. A mother of
five, Grandmother of seven and
Great-Grandmother of seven,
Helen was honored at a recent
birthday celebration in Gilford
United Church, attended by family,
many friends and neighbors.**

Tree Experts in 1969, remembered this job very well. But, all that was left at that time was the vertical piece of cedar board of the cross. The lightening had done a lot of damage to the tree-trunk before he arrived to cut it down – no names were visible. The year 1969 is not too long ago. Would not somebody remember one or two, or maybe all seven names carved into that tree? (acknowledging Monica Frim's Secrets of the Lakes, the Dallimore family, Bob Gilroy, and my research)

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT
Andrew Cowan

We notice in the last few days that some finches have returned to our backyard bird feeder. They are already showing some early signs of breast feathers brightening. Our February meeting was, on what could be, one of the snowier days this winter. In spite of this weather challenge, there was a good turn-out for this event. Forrest Patenaude, Education Director for the Simcoe County Museum gave an overview of programs offered at the Museum. Additionally, he brought a few

artifacts with a brief description. An interesting afternoon with member participation. On Family Day, there were several families who dropped in to see and hear the stories of events from earlier times. We were pleased to welcome Hank Abspoel with some of his collection, as well as hear from Elwood Webb, a veteran of the Second World War; and Molly Malcolm who described conditions for civilians in London during the war, with air raids and food rationing, to name a couple. Additionally, Joan McLean and Sam Neilly recounted events from yesteryear in our own Municipality. Thanks to all who lead the discussion or helped organize and provide refreshments for this event. Our March meeting is on St.Patricks Day – so this would be a good opportunity to wear something green to promote the Irish roots in Innisfil. The speaker will be Carolyn Webb, who will be displaying and describing her button collection. This would be an opportunity for members to bring any significant buttons that they may have. See you on March 17.

ANDREW

For all, who have attended our January meeting with Karen Mahoney's British Home Children', we now have a direct link to the Home Children Database:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/home-children/index-e.html>
the genealogy forum is www.rootschat.com

**WORLD WAR II
VETERANS OF INNISFIL**

Just one year ago, lists of men and women who served in Innisfil started appearing on a regular basis in this newsletter. The search was on for connections to be made. As of February 2012, the search is still on but the list has shrunk considerably.

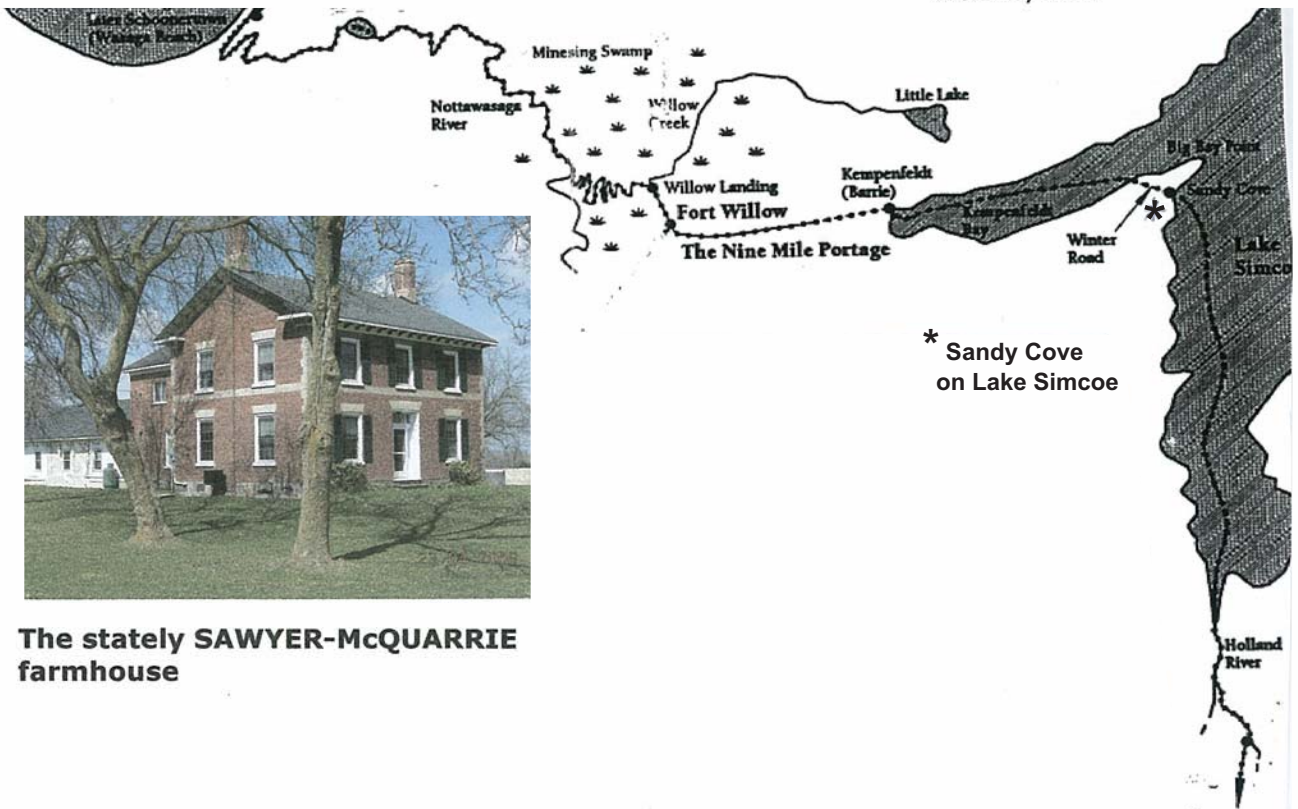
Please call Dona at (705)436-2578 if you have information about any of these names:

BARRY, F.W. Frank
BARRY, J.G. John
BONES, K.V.
BRIGGS, W.E.
BRODERICK, L.S.
BRODERICK, R.T.
BURTCH, P.A.
CARMICHAEL, A.
CRYSTAL, W.
DAVIS, T.R.
DAVIS, W.
FARROW, Charles
FILSON, J.R.
FLOWERS, Gerald
GREEN, G.B. Bert
HUFF, Gordon
JACK, L.E. Leslie
JOHNSTON, Harry
JONES, C.J.
KENTON, T.A. or
KENYON
LUCAS, T.G. George
McDONALD, S.B.
McKAY, Auley
McROBERTS, John

MICKS, P.A. PHILIP
MONTGOMERY, K.
MOORE, Bryard
MORET, E.
MORRIS, George Neil
MORRISON, R.W.
Robert (Bob)
MUIR, H.E. Howard
MUIR, Gordon
Frederick
MULLEN, J.J. John
PATTERSON, John
Albert
PETRYSHYN, A.
PRINGLE, G.R. (C.R.)
RIDLER, Frank
Wallace
ROYCE, John

STOREY, W.L. Wm.
SWEENEY, G.M.
Gordon
SYLVESTER, Wallace
M.

WEBB, Allan
WICKHAM, R.S
WOODS, John



The stately SAWYER-McQUARRIE farmhouse