



Société d'histoire de Georgeville

Georgeville Historical Society

Newsletter - Summer 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER SUMMER 2012

*Saturday June 30th
Canada Day Parade*

1 pm

Be there to cheer on the GHS float

*Saturday July 15th
21st Annual General Meeting and Talk*

Murray Hall

2 pm

*Wednesday July 25th
East Road Tour*

Car pool from Murray Hall

10 am

*Wednesday August 8th
Village tour*

Murray Hall

10 am

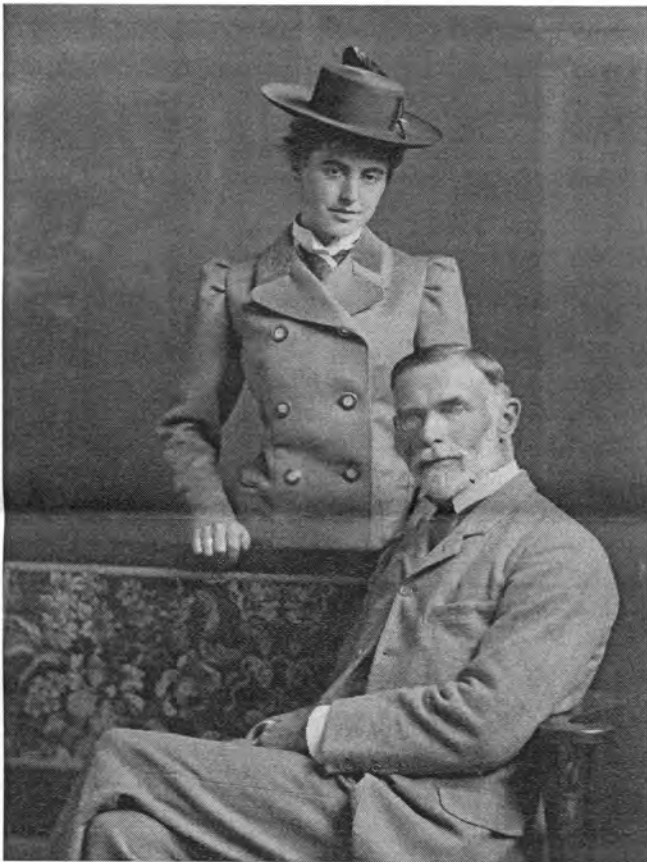
GHS summer activities

June 18th, 2012 is the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. That war was a widespread series of land, sea, river and Great Lake battles involving American and British Armies and their Indian allies. The end of hostilities in 1815 resulted in a political stalemate and both sides have claimed to have won the war ever since. Professor Desmond Morton, retired member of McGill's History department will be our post-AGM speaker this year. He is a specialist in Canadian military, political and industrial relations history so he is well qualified to unravel for us the complexities of this poorly understood, but significant chapter in Canada's development. Those of us who also attend the Stanstead Historical Society lectures will doubtless remember his lively presentation about the war of 1812 earlier in the year. He promises that the upcoming GHS event on July 15th will complement, not repeat the SHS talk.

The East Road tour in July will be led by John Boynton and Steve Moore who will talk about the settlement of that part of Georgeville and the families who have made it their home. Monique Lord has graciously agreed to show us around her interesting property. There are several very fine houses along that road and it looks like being a fascinating tour. Bring a picnic lunch.

The August outing will be a stroll around the village, looking at John Boynton's selection of his favorite houses. Familiar ground though it is, there is always something new to be learned.

New Acquisitions



While renovations were being done on the old house formerly lived in by Frances Evans, a small framed photograph was discovered in an unused cupboard. The man, resplendent in magnificent mustaches, fuller than in any previously known photos, was immediately recognisable as Nathan Beach and, written on the back, it said 'Grandpa 1912' so the little curly haired boy was probably Edward Beach Bly. It is obviously a studio portrait but there is no photographer's name evident. We have had it scanned and will keep the file in our Archives. The original has been given to Robert Coallier, the current owner of the Beachcroft property.

Erratum

In the last Newsletter we said that Dunkeld was built in 1882. We should have said 1862



The other newly acquired photos were undoubtedly taken by the Notman Studio in 1899. John Scott discovered reference to a group of five photos of Captain John Gully and his oldest daughter in a list of the Notman Photos held by the McCord Museum Archives in Montreal. We decided to approach the McCord for copies (and had to wait about four months since their technicians were on strike) and finally obtained digital files. Captain Gully, Royal Navy retired in middle age and bought the estate "Glenbrooke" on the shore of Magoon's Point. So far, we know nothing about the handsome daughter.

News from Bigelow Garden

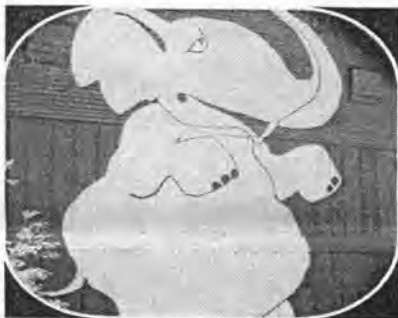
The best news of all is that we have three new volunteers: Judy Rochester, Claude Lagacé and Carol'Ann McKelvey (of Fitch Bay). A hearty welcome to our new gardeners.

The garden is flourishing and so far we have managed to control any invasion of Goutweed. Judy Bachelder, Judy Rochester and Claude Lagacé are to be thanked for their tireless efforts in weeding the paths and laying landscape cloth and mulch.

A Service of thanksgiving

The Reverends Deane and Doreen (Keet) Moffat will lead a worship service celebrating the life of people laid to rest in **Brookside Cemetery**, Fitch Bay. It will be an outdoor service, held in the cemetery on Sunday, August 19 at 2.30 PM. Brookside is one of the oldest cemeteries in the area. The Reverends Moffat will interview local historian Steve Moore who will give an account of various persons of interest who are interred at this historic site. Everyone is welcome.
Deane Moffat

Stanstead Historical Society Summer Exhibition



EXPOSITION
COLBY-CURTIS A
GEORGEVILLE

On vous attend!
Le 11 août 2012 à 17h

Save the date!
August 11, 2012 5pm

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SHS has embarked on an ambitious program of mounting exhibitions at various locations in the Eastern Townships in addition to those they put on at the Colby-Curtis Museum. This summer they propose to feature Georgeville and Denise Clermont has offered them space in the Elephant Barn after the Festival des Arts. They are still in the planning stage but are keeping GHS informed. We will assist where possible with ideas and maybe loans of objects.

Time to adopt a PIIA

In the early 1990s, the provincial government passed legislation which encouraged each municipality to adopt *Plans d'implantation et d'intégration architecturale* (PIIA). By 2002, most municipalities in our MRC had adopted such planning guidelines and found them useful complements to the Building Code. Thus, before a municipal council approves an application for a building permit, it receives a recommendation from its Comité Consultatif d'Urbanisme based on the Code and PIIA (if available).

In 2002, a PIIA was proposed for the Canton de Stanstead (Georgeville and Fitch Bay) but it was considered to be inadequate and was shelved on the grounds that it did not address the heritage character and aesthetic values of Georgeville and surrounding region.

GHS became concerned by the long delay in producing a more appropriate PIIA and in 2008 set up an *ad hoc* Committee on Planning to examine planning issues. In 2010, GHS sent a letter to the mayor of our municipality suggesting that a new PIIA document be drafted, and in 2011 our municipal council adopted a resolution authorizing the preparation of a PIIA.

The Community Association of Georgeville will be discussing the need for a PIIA at its June AGM. Two planning experts have been invited to address the meeting. GHS welcomes this initiative and urges everyone to attend:
Saturday, 16th June, 2012, 10.00am Murray Hall

Call for nominations for the GHS Board of Directors

John Boynton, chair of the nominating committee, would like to receive suggestions for new members of the Board of Directors. Phone him at 819-843-2675 or email valerie.pasztor@mcgill.ca

Membership renewal

As was ratified at last summer's AGM, the membership year for GHS was changed to run from Jan. 1st to Dec.31st. Accordingly, renewal forms were sent out at the end of 2011. Life members did not have to do anything, but regular members, who had enjoyed a prolonged 18-month 'year' should have sent in their renewal cheques in January. Only about 50% responded. Another renewal form is provided over the page.

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Renouvellement – membership renewal

Jan 1st -- Dec 31st, 2012

Nom/Name _____

Adresse/Address _____

Courriel/ E-mail address _____

Renouvellement / Renewal []

Nouveau membre / New member []

Individue / Individual \$10 []

Familiale / Family \$15 []

Donation \$ _____

Envoyez votre cheque á la Société d'histoire de Georgeville / Please send your cheque to:

Georgeville Historical Society,

Judy Bachelder, GHS Membership Secretary, 4600 Georgeville Road, QC, J0B 1T0