



Scadding Award of Excellence

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario congratulates the past and present Branch Tweedsmuir Curators on being awarded the Scadding Award of Excellence by the Ontario Historical Society.

The Scadding Award of Excellence recognizes a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

A copy of the certificate presented at the Provincial Conference 2004 and accepted by Peggy McLeod, Provincial Tweedsmuir Curator on behalf of FWIO Branch Curators is attached.

The task of preserving the history of your community enriches the lives of current and future generations.

FWIO applauds the Branch Curators on winning this prestigious award.

Congratulations!

*Elsie Stephenson
FWIO President*

The Ontario Historical Society

presents the

Scadding Award of Excellence

to the

*Curators of the Women's Institutes Tweedsmuir
History*

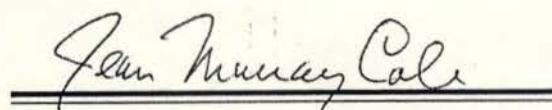
in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of history

Willowdale, Ontario - June 13, 2004

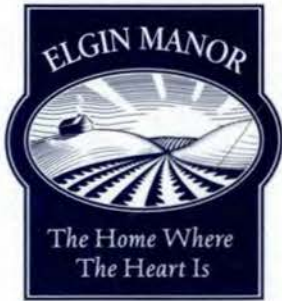


President





Honours and Awards Committee



August 26, 2003

River Road Women's Institute
7340 Mill Rd., R. R. #2
Port Stanley
ON, N5L 1J2

Dear Treasurer:

We are looking forward with anticipation to the opening of the new Elgin Manor on Tuesday, September 23rd. You will be receiving a formal invitation in early September to attend the festivities.

In preparation for this opening, I need to confirm with you, our recorded information for the purposes of recognizing you on the donor wall and in print material. The Donor Recognition Wall will occupy a prominent place in Green Lane Town Square, the main lobby of the new Elgin Manor.

Your recognition will appear as:

River Road Women's Institute

Please complete the attached *Donor Confirmation Form*, to ensure that your name is spelled correctly and presented as you wish to be acknowledged. Please keep in mind, that we must keep your acknowledgment to 32 letters (including spacing). Please indicate any changes and sign the enclosed form. Please return the form in the envelope provided by September 5th or fax to 631-2307.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 631-0620, extension #222. If you would like to return your form in person, it can be left with the receptionist located in Green Lane Town Square.

Thank you again for your generous support of the "Home Where the Heart Is" Capital Campaign for Elgin Manor. The new Elgin Manor is a magnificent home, and I am sure you will be very proud to be associated with it. I look forward to seeing you at our opening ceremony!

Sincerely,

Clifford Baron
Campaign Manager

Elgin Manor

'The Home Where the Heart Is'

2003 Capital Campaign
The Hon. John Wise, Chair

Warden John R. Wilson
and the Council of Elgin County
cordially invite you to
a very special

Donor Reception & Preview of the new Elgin Manor

Thursday, September 18, 2003 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM
at the
Green Lane Town Square
39262 Fingal Line, St. Thomas ON

Refreshments RSVP (519) 631-0620



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the Grand Opening of
the new
Elgin Manor

Tuesday, September 23, 2003 - 2:00 - 4:00 PM
at the

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39262 Fingal Line, St. Thomas ON

Refreshments RSVP (519) 631-0620



450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas ON N5R 5V1
Phone: (519) 631-1460 Fax: (519) 633-7661
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IN HONOR OF

Colonel Thomas Talbot



1803 Loyal We Remain 2003

PREMIER

Colonel Thomas Talbot A Bicentennial Exhibit

will take place at

Elgin County Pioneer Museum 449 Talbot Street, St. Thomas,

Friday June 20, 2003 7:00-9:00pm

R.S.V.P. By Sat. June 10th 631-6537

prize for best period costume

Elgin Manor
'The Home Where the Heart Is'
Capital Campaign
2003
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Thursday, September 18, 2003

Greetings from Warden John R. Wilson

Thank You - Hon. John Wise

Champagne Toast to Elgin Manor

Presentation - Warden John R. Wilson

ELGIN MANOR

39232 Fingal Line, R.R.#1, St. Thomas, Ontario N5P 3S5
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Homes & Seniors Services

Grand Opening of Elgin Manor

September 23, 2003



A Message from the Warden

Welcome to the Grand Opening of the new Elgin Manor. We think you'll be impressed by our newest home, which will be a resource to all residents of Elgin County.

Long term care has changed dramatically in the past 10 years. The new Elgin Manor is both an attempt to deal with those changing realities and to move County facilities into the new milenium. But most of all, we want our seniors to be able to live in dignity and comfort. They have given us so much it is the least we can do.

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the opening of Elgin Manor. It is a great day for the county.

Program

Welcome and Call to Order	Dave Phillips, Town Crier
Emcee	Helen Notte
Oh Canada	Bernice Monteith
Greetings from the County of Elgin	Warden John R. Wilson
Greetings from the Government of Canada	Susan McConnell
Greetings from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care	Kevin Grossi
Greetings from the Province of Ontario	Steve Peters M.P.P.
Remarks from Mayor of Southwold	Mayor Jim McIntyre
Greetings from The City of St. Thomas	Mayor Jeff Kohler
'The Home Where the Heart Is' Capital Campaign	The Hon. John Wise & John Drake
Remarks from the Elgin Manor Auxiliary	Edith Auckland
Blessing and dedication of Elgin Manor	Rev. Lloyd Carver
Cutting of the Ceremonial Ribbon	Warden John R. Wilson
Adjournment	Refreshments



Miss Lillian Mable Georgina Ross

Born September 9, 1918 at
Fingal, Ontario

"Parents"

Robert Ross & Mary Elizabeth Erwin

"Grandparents"

John Ross and Mary Mitchell

Thomas Erwin and Anne Welch

"Lillian's sisters"

Bertha Irene Ross Vowels

Ada Marguerite Ross Eastlake

Dorothy Irene Ross

Laura Evangeline Ross Chaplow

"Brothers"

John Albert Edward Ross

Norman Erwin Ross

Leonard Clifton Ross

Thomas Archie Lee Ross

Harold Douglas Ross

"all now deceased"

Born in Fingal, attended public school there until 10 years old. Moved to River Road in 1928 and attended school there until 1932. Moved to Yarmouth Township, attended S.S. #17 passing entrance examinations with honours. This completed education. Moved back to River Road and lived just opposite the school until 1945 when she moved with parents to share a home in the city with sister's family at 111 Sunset Drive. Worked in a large garden and also raised chicken and sold them dressed.

When her parents died, Lillian went to work at Zellers Department Store and became a supervisor. After a number of years there she moved across the street to Walkers Store where she was in charge of the yard goods department until retirement.

Lillian was an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church and is now 70 years a member. She taught a girls Sunday School class for many years and was also President and press reporter at different times for Crescent Circle of the Knox Ladies Aid.

Lillian joined the Women's Institute about 1942 and received her Life Membership in June 1981.

For many years she was their Press Reporter. At present she is Branch Secretary and also represents the branch on the Advisory Committee of the Elgin Pioneer Museum. The River Road Branch, though small, is an active one. A coffee break is held once a year at the home of the president. The funds realized go to various charities and the museum. They have sponsored the Cancer Tea for the County many times over the

Parents

Grandparents

Great-Grandparents

Great-Great-Grandparents

ANCESTRY CHART

Lillian Ross
 b. SEPT 9 1918
 m. _____

Robert Ross

father

b. DEC. 29, 1866

m. _____

d. JAN 22, 1954

MARY ERWIN
 mother

b. JULY 12, 1875

~~ANDERSON~~

Nov. 1, 1946

John Ross

b. 1829

~~1827~~

m. Known

d. JULY 10, 1884

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MARY MITCHELL

b. Not

d. Known

Thomas Erwin

b. Not

m. Known

d. _____

Sarah Welch

b. Not

d. Known

Not Known

b. _____

m. _____

d. IN SCOTLAND

b. _____

d. _____

b. _____

m. _____

d. IN IRELAND

b. _____

d. _____

b. _____

m. _____

d. _____

b. _____

d. _____

b. _____

m. _____

d. _____

b. _____

d. _____

Not Known

Catherine Lynne Cook

R.R. # 5

6993 Middle River Road

Elgin County, St. Thomas, ON

Cathy Cook (nee Sulyma) born in Middlesex County, London, ON on December 28, 1947 to William Sulyma and Janet Mae Stott Wallace Sulyma.

I was raised in London, ON and married Thomas Burton Cook at First United Church, Elgin County, St. Thomas, ON on June 24, 1967.

We moved to Lot 7, R1WRR in the summer of 1968 in order to do repairs to the house and barn situated on the family farm owned by William Austin Metler and Myrtle Hattie Thompson Metler, maternal grandparents of Tom. William Metler was in the process of selling the farm due to ill health. In the fall of 1968 William Metler passed away and by January 1969 we decided to purchase the property from his grandmother. On February 1, 1969 we assumed ownership of the "farm".

Our first child, Becky Lynne Cook was born in Middlesex County, London, ON on February 8, 1969, followed by Andrew Jason Cook in Elgin County, St. Thomas, ON on March 5, 1971, Peter Metler Cook in Elgin County, St. Thomas, ON on February 19, 1974 and Bradley Austin Cook in Elgin County, St. Thomas, ON on February 6, 1976.

The children all attended Southwold Public School and graduated with their O.A.C. credits from Parkside Collegiate Institute, although Peter attended Central High School for his O.A.C. credits.

In 1990 the workable land was sold to Robert Anderson, shortly thereafter, sold to Colin Ferguson.

The legal description of the one acre portion maintained by Tom and Cathy Cook is referenced by the Township of Southwold as 6993 Middle River Road, Range 1 WRR Pt. Lot 7.

Respectfully submitted for the Tweedsmuir Book of the River Road Women's Institute on March 9, 2005.

March 9/05

Tweedsmuir as of 1966.

Doraldine (Munro) Munro

- Lots 24 3 West Hill Road - # 37010 Munro Line (199-)

Daughters - July 11 - 1968. Jane Louise

1966 married Brent Bowman, (Bar) Toronto Canada

1970 Susan Glenda

1966 married Steven Morris

Bar Kent England

Death - Mother-in-Law - Sadie Ackman Munro Burger 2000 Dec 4.
Father - Everett Quinn - Dec. 4 1981

Birth - Alex Munro Morris - Feb 9 - 2002.

Farm #2 - 19 spruce trees harvested - Fall of 2003 - (old age)

Farm #1 - 13 walnut trees Fall 2004. Damaged
(crops did poorly beneath)

About 1967 - Demolition of barn on #1 Farm.

1978 - After windstorm in January. demolition of
buildings on #2 Farm (cows shed, hay barn
and pump house).

New Pole Shed 1972.

Total tile both farms (.5 miles one year)

Forestry - many spring plantings of evergreen
saplings. 1980 comes to mind 4 of us
planted around gully #2 Farm.

Sometimes Zoo one season from St. Kittans
Re forestry station

Water - 2nd well drilled Farm #1 3 1980s
several wells filled in both farms.

Friends of the Family - Hummingbirds May 7th - Sept 7th.
Magnolia tree planted 1924,
adored admired May time.

March 9, 2005

John Palmer Sr., Great Grandfather of John Henry Palmer came to Canada from Devonshire, England in the 1800's. He was father of Henry (+ Matilda, wife). Henry had Harry, Alice, + Willie. Harry + Elsie (Nethercott) had John Henry, Ralph, Jean + Alice Eileen. John Henry + Margaret (Grigg) had Stephen, Stewart, + Lisa.

Stewart married Mary Jane Durdle Nov. 21, 1987 + have 3 children. Lisa married Jodi James McShore, Oct. 3, 1998 and they have 2 sons. Stephen is deceased, Oct. 7, 1985.

Farming is the main occupation with off-farm jobs held by 3 Palmer men. Commodity prices are at an all time low making the future of farming look very bleak at this time, causing many farmers to rally protests at Queen's Park, Toronto + eventually Ottawa.

I have been a member of River Road W.I. for several years + am currently secretary. John retired from farming in 1999 due to M.S. but is still very interested in the day to day operations of it.

Margaret A. Palmer
7340 Mill Rd.
RR #2, Port Stanley ON. N5L 1J2



ELGIN COUNTY ARCHIVES

"Promoting Elgin County's Rich Historical and Agricultural Heritage ..."

The Elgin County Archives is the official repository of records of the County of Elgin since its incorporation in 1852 as well as those of its current and former constituent municipalities. The Archives also houses a number of private collections documenting the County's history. The Archives' mandate was established by County Council through a by-law passed in June 2001.

A proper facility to house the Archives is currently under construction and will be completed during the summer of 2002. It will be located in the lower level of the County's Administration Building on Sunset Drive in St. Thomas. It will have approximately 3,000 square feet of space and will incorporate a comfortable research area for the general public, climate controlled storage space and staff working areas. **This facility will be fully accessible to the public, meaning that all records housed in the Archives will be available to all!**

Our Collections

Current collections of the Archives include:

Elgin County Municipal Records – Includes records of the county government and its sixteen former and current local governments dating back to 1852 (or earlier in some cases). Included in these records are local minutes, by-laws, tax assessment rolls, maps and voters lists.

The Scott-Sefton Photo Studio Collection – This collection numbers close to 100,000 negatives from three generations of studio photographers, documenting many aspects of local life in Elgin County, including dignitaries, community events and the local landscape from the early 1890's to 1988.

Women's Institute Records - The County possesses records of several local branches. This includes Tweedsmuir histories for communities throughout the County.

Maps and Plans - This includes *Tremaine's Map of the County of Elgin*, 1864, a valuable resource measuring approximately six feet by three feet and documenting property owners throughout the County at that time.

* ^{\$} -75.00 for copy & intro. for sesquicentennial - 150 yrs.
(about 1,000) - available April 2002.
- got ^{\$} 128,000 from Can. Heritage for archives project