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I was born in London, Ontario to Russell and Shirley Lunn (Major) and lived my early years on a farm south of Belmont, Ontario. At the age of 6 I was bitten by a neighbour's dog (in the face) and received 120 stitches and also lost my older brother (Steven) within that year. I now have 1 brother and 3 sisters.

I went to Crossley Hunter Public School until grade 4, then went to the new South Dorchester Public School. I attended East Elgin Secondary School and received my grade 12 graduation diploma. My first job out of school was at Harold Row and Sons Ltd. (office worker) a machinery dealership for Ontario. I belonged to St James Presbyterian Church youth group and choir. I completed over 20 4-H clubs, and belonged to the Belmont Junior Farmers Club. I was a 4-H Leader for 5 years. I have belonged to the Aylmer Fair Board-Junior Fair. I have been a captain for Cancer Society in East Elgin and volunteer canvasser, also canvasser for Dutton area Cancer Society. I recently held the chair for the Elgin International Plowing Match, Queen of the Furrow Committee. I am a Sunday school teacher at Duff-Largie Presbyterian Church and also was on the search committee for a new minister.

I married in 1976 to William Shively and had 2 children Carrie born in 1979 and Kirk born in 1981. We lived on a dairy farm near Springfield then in South Dorchester Twshp (now Malihide), I worked daily on this farm. I divorced in 1993. I worked at 3 different jobs. Morning chores for a dairy farmer, John Gent. At the same time in fall harvest for Herman Minnema (driving tractor and wagons). I later became care giver for Ludora and Ron Burton near Sparta. I remarried in 1994 to Herman Minnema and had 2 children Matthew born in 1996 and Steven born in 1997. We live on a 650 sow farrow to finish hog farm with cash crops in Dutton/Dunwich Twshp. North of the 401 hwy. Our farm is increasing in size as we purchase land in this area.

I have always been interested in the Women's Institute since my mother has been a member all my life and I was able to go to some of her meetings and help with their fundraising at the Aylmer Fair. I finally joined the Wallacetown W.I. in 1995 at the invitation of my Aunt (Louie Lackey). I have been press reporter since the late 90's, I'm vice president since early 2000's, and assistant secretary since 2009. I now hold the 2nd vice president of Elgin County W.I.

Written by Kathy Minnema
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Kathy Minnema

Wallacetown W.I. hears from arthritis spokesperson

Wallacetown Women's
Institute report
Kathy Minnema

On March 3 the Wallacetown Women's Institute met at Duff Largie Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. There were five members and seven guests in attendance. Kathy Minnema and Ruth Rueger were the convenors. Kathy welcomed the Duff Largie Ladies group members and introduced the guests.

President Helen Van Brenk opened the meeting with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lords Prayer. Doris Barber read a memorial of Gladys Irene Graham, a lifetime member of 56 years. Minutes were read by Kathy Minnema, and treasurer's report given by Louie Lackey.

Helen Van Brenk read about the new exhibits at the Elgin County Museum to come. Kathy Minnema read the correspondence. Thank you notes from

the Wallacetown 4-H Club, Jane Hauser and family, and Joan and Bill McLandress were read.

Mary Gillet, Helen Van Brenk and Kathy Minnema attended the Winter Picnic at Fingal Presbyterian Church on Feb. 16 with 39 ladies in attendance. Elgin County now has 10 Institutes remaining, we were sorry to hear of the disbanding of River Road W.I.

Pres. Helen asked the members to start thinking about our 100th Anniversary next year on April 12. A committee will be formed to organize.

The meeting was turned over to convenor Kathy Minnema who read the motto "In youth we learn in age we understand." Kathy then introduced our speaker "Alyssa Monden" who is a spokesperson for the "Juvenile Arthritis Society". March is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness month.

Alyssa is now 11 years old and was diagnosed when she was 11 months old. Arthritis hits 1 out of 1,000

children. Over the years the Arthritis has affected her knee, ankle, finger, jaw, eyes, toes and wrist. First came the difficulty to crawl, then walking. She works hard to keep her joints moving with exercising and with the aid of medications and a lot of determination. She is able to play soccer, skip and jump and do both swimming and dance classes. Alyssa travels to Toronto for doctor's appointment and has to receive joint injections every four weeks. This is very expensive and a must to live from day to day.

Alyssa participated in the Arthritis Society walk-a-thon held in May last year and is working towards this years walk, collecting donations and sponsorship along the way. Also she has received an Ontario Youth Award. She is part of a YouTube presentation promoting Arthritis. Alyssa's

advice to other children is to stay active, because it helps. "If you are in pain, try and hold back. If people laugh at you, don't listen to them, because it's not your fault," she said.

There was a question and answer time which followed. Kathy presented Alyssa with a thank you gift. We were able to sponsor Alyssa in her walk-a-thon this year.

The roll call: Name an organization you donate to. Answers were all the usual charities War Amps, Cancer, Hospitals, Animal Charities, Haiti, our local groups and many more.

A skit was then performed by Ruth Rueger, Louie Lackey, Helen Van Brenk and Kathy Minnema.

The meeting was adjourned and the grace sung.

Lunch was provided by Doris Barber, Ruth Rueger and Kathy Minnema.



1/ Alyssa Monden

2/ Kathy Minnema.

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Disease doesn't stop youngster

JUVENILE ARTHRITIS: Staying active helps Alyssa Monden cope with the crippling affliction

By JOHN MINER, THE LONDON FREE PRESS

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Kristine Monden says her daughter Alyssa is now into her second remission from juvenile arthritis thanks to new medication which enables her to play a full soccer game without having to stop. (SUE REEVE, The London Free Press)

Kristine Monden remembers the shock when she was told why her infant daughter wasn't able to straighten her leg.

"I had no idea until Alyssa was diagnosed that arthritis affected children," Monden said.

She isn't alone -- although juvenile arthritis strikes one in 1,000 children, many people are still ignorant about the disease and how devastating it can be.

"I find a lot of people, older people, who say 'I know exactly how she must feel, I have it in my finger.' Well, it is a little different," Monden said.

In a push to raise awareness and money for research into treatments, The Arthritis Society has declared March Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month.

Monden said Alyssa was 11 months old when she showed the first signs -- she cried when her mother tried to extend her leg.

"She wouldn't move her one knee," Monden said.

With the constant pain, Alyssa was two when she was finally able to walk unassisted.

Arthritis started in Alyssa's knee but hit an ankle and finger by the time she was diagnosed.

Since then it has moved, affecting her jaw, eyes, toes and wrists.

"It has hopped around to just about every joint she has," Monden said.

She's been through different medications, starting with anti-inflammatory drugs and progressing to more sophisticated biological drugs.

"Thank goodness we have coverage because they are extremely expensive. A full adult dose is \$25,000 a year," Monden said.

At age three, the disease went into a short remission and then came back ten-fold, Monden said.

Despite the joint pain, Alyssa has pushed herself, participating in soccer, swimming and dance.

"I'm unable to run very fast. It hurts," she said. "I try and not show it, but it is hard at times."

Monden said she's never held Alyssa back because of the disease.

"I don't tell her she can't do anything. She has to tell herself she can't do it. Sometimes she pays for it because she hurts and cries herself to sleep at night when her joints hurt so bad because she has played soccer or wanted to run out and play with kids or jump on the trampoline."

A year ago, Alyssa was put on a new drug that succeeded in knocking the arthritis into remission again.

Now she can play an entire soccer game without having to stop.

Monden said she tries not to think of the long term -- what her daughter will face if the arthritis returns.

"I try to look at it day by day and just count my blessings while I have them and she has them," she said.

Her advice for other parents with a child with juvenile arthritis is to find someone else who is dealing with it.

"Talk about it, don't clam up, and go with your gut. I think that was the biggest thing with Alyssa's diagnosis. They wanted me to wait five weeks to go see the specialist.

"I just pushed, I said, 'no, we have got to go now.'"

Alyssa's advice for other children is to stay active, because it helps.

"If you are in pain, try and hold back. If people make fun of you, don't listen to them, because it's not your fault," she said.

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March 3rd 2011

IN YOUTH WE LEARN, WITH AGE WE UNDERSTAND

1) Doing: It's not about getting a chance, it's taking a chance.

Through life there are many opportunities given to us, and we question whether we can do this, make the right decisions for lasting memories, don't have regrets if you really want to do it, go for it, no matter what the age!

2) Feeling: If you are smiling, your doing something right.

People who smile, or laugh are just plain happy people. Life is positive not negative. Others want to be around you. Showing your feelings, and emotions, are a way of showing our strengths and weaknesses. Why does it matter what others think? We all have feelings no matter what age we are, showing them to others makes you human.

3) Seeing: You can't change who you are, but you can make the most of who you become.

Except what you are and who you are, and learn to make the most of it. Enhance the good things in you. That is what will make people take notice. It's okay to be angry, but never okay to be cruel. We all have things we want to change, just ask yourself if that change is good.

4) Learning: Don't be afraid to make mistakes, it's the experience that makes you learn.

Things happen for a reason, making mistakes gives you the opportunity to try things another way. Being set in your ways, means your not learning anything new. Life is all about experience, and creating memories. It gives you something to look back on when your alone and need to be comforted. They last for a lifetime.

5) Walking: Remember change happens for a reason, Roll with it! It won't be easy, but it will be worth it.

Taking baby steps is the best way. It builds confidence, character, and knowledge. New experiences are put in our paths, at all stages of our life, good or bad. We must learn from them and move on. Giving advice can help others along the way. But also opening our minds keeps us informed to what is going on around us.

All the things you are told when you are young, you grow to understand with age.

Written by Kathy Minnema
Motto

March 2nd 2011

Old friends in a new light

ERIC BUNNELL
Times-Journal

Like any reunion, it's a chance to catch up on news of old friends.

The McIntosh Gallery at the University of Western Ontario is host and the guests are more than 30 of Clark McDougall's paintings, including some of the late St. Thomas artist's best-known and loved works.

Brought together from collections across the country, the pictures comprise a new exhibition opening Thursday, *Fugitive Light*: Clark McDougall's *Destination Places*.

There's an opening reception 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The show celebrates McDougall's great gift of being able to capture his favourite places in and around St. Thomas and farther afield, in the particular light which illuminated them.

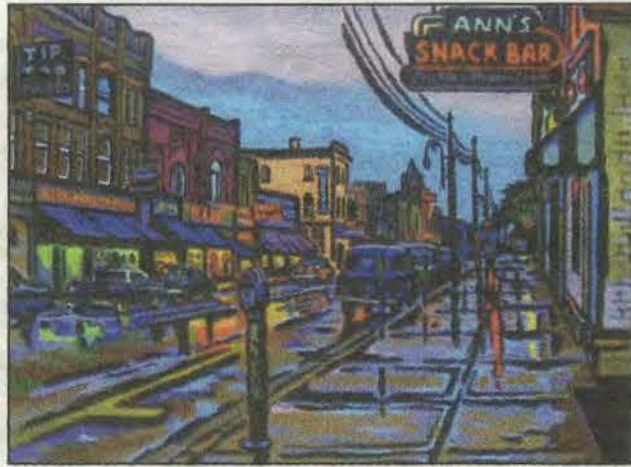
"Clark was all about light and colour," says McIntosh curator Catherine Elliot Shaw.

"He revelled in the clear blue of a summer sky, or the late evening just as the sun was setting and how that light would act upon various objects in the landscape."

Fugitive light is a reference to the dying light of day.

Perhaps no better-known example of McDougall's expressive palette is *Ann's Snack Bar*, the 1964 picture of Talbot Street in the rain, painted in what became McDougall's signature black enamel style. The picture was the first to be catalogued in the permanent collection of the new Art Gallery St. Thomas-Elgin, and a reproduction has been painted as a mural on the art gallery's exterior west wall.

The new exhibition also celebrates the donation several years ago from McDougall's



St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre

The gift of the University Women's Club of St. Thomas, *Ann's Snack Bar* was the first picture in the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre collection.

family of a huge collection of the artist's preparatory drawings and photographs, and other archival materials.

"We've only just managed in the last two years to actually process it all," Elliot Shaw says. "It was huge."

The gift included something like 4,000 sketches and drawings along with a treasure trove of other materials, including 32,000 colour slides with which McDougall documented his favourite haunts in detail.

'GIVES US EVERYTHING'

"He would do, usually, a roll or, maybe, sometimes a couple of rolls . . . Then, he would come back and get them processed at Maxwell's. When they came back, he would put them into a uniform small, brown manilla envelope.

"On the outside, he would put the date, he would put the time he shot it, he'd put a notation of weather if it was important to him, he would even put a sketch down as to where he was . . ."

Elliot Shaw says that while

McDougall was open about how he worked, the family's gift sheds further light on his creative process.

"He was never terribly secretive about his working process. But this gives us everything from the very beginning."

For example, the gallery now has the original black-and-white photographs which McDougall took and collaged together to compose his *Buffalo News Vendor* picture from the 1950s.

"And, then, from there, we've got the small drawings. And, then, we've got the large drawings. And we keep on going. So we can trace the entire lineage from the very beginning of him standing on the street in Buffalo.

"This is incredibly important, to be able to document that kind of working process."

The show's guest curator, York University art historian Anna Hudson, has collaborated with Elliot Shaw and a research assistant to pull material which illustrates how McDougall worked. It will be shown on small digital

screens beside major paintings.

Though he began in relative obscurity, McDougall during his lifetime rose to prominence in the Canadian art world, propelled by increasing regional recognition in the '60s and '70s.

Before his death in 1981, he was the subject of a retrospective exhibition mounted in 1977 by the Vancouver Art Gallery. Another, organized in '87 by the London Regional Art Gallery, toured nationally. Guest curator Hudson was a part of that exhibition.

Elliot Shaw says she would like to believe McDougall's reputation is well-cemented. But she also notes artists following their deaths can slip into obscurity.

With buzz the new exhibition has created, Elliot Shaw isn't overly concerned.

But, she also says of the show's subject, "I think it's time to look at him with new eyes, with new ways of applying what we have thought about in the last 25 years in terms of contemporary Canadian art, and look again and see what he offers us anew."

In conjunction with the exhibition, which continues to May 14, the McIntosh is publishing a collection of four essays about McDougall the man and artist, and his work's place in Canadian art history — and, even, the geographical aspect of his paintings as they reflect urbanization of his beloved countryside.

The McIntosh Gallery (mcintoshgallery.ca) is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Free admission. The gallery is not wheelchair accessible.

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Tin Can Palace

Dan Patterson's eccentric creation comes home for a visit

Forty-two years after its last appearance, the Carnation Milk Can Assemblage built by the late Dan Patterson, is coming back to Elgin County. But only for three months from September 11 to November 27, 2010.

On loan from the National Gallery of Canada, the curious structure of 1500 Carnation Evaporated Milk tins will be painstakingly reconstructed at the Elgin County Museum, as part of an exhibition on Clark McDougall. It was Clark McDougall who first brought the public's attention to the sculpture in the back kitchen of Patterson's farm house on Highbury Avenue, once located in what is now the Patterson Conservation Area north of St. Thomas.

Dan Patterson (1884-1968) was a bachelor who lived almost his entire life on the farm where he was born. Because he didn't have a refrigerator, Patterson bought condensed milk and kept the empty cans in a room off the kitchen.

"As the cans piled up, he started building things with them," says Mike Baker, Curator of Elgin County Museum, "I don't think he would have ever considered himself an artist."

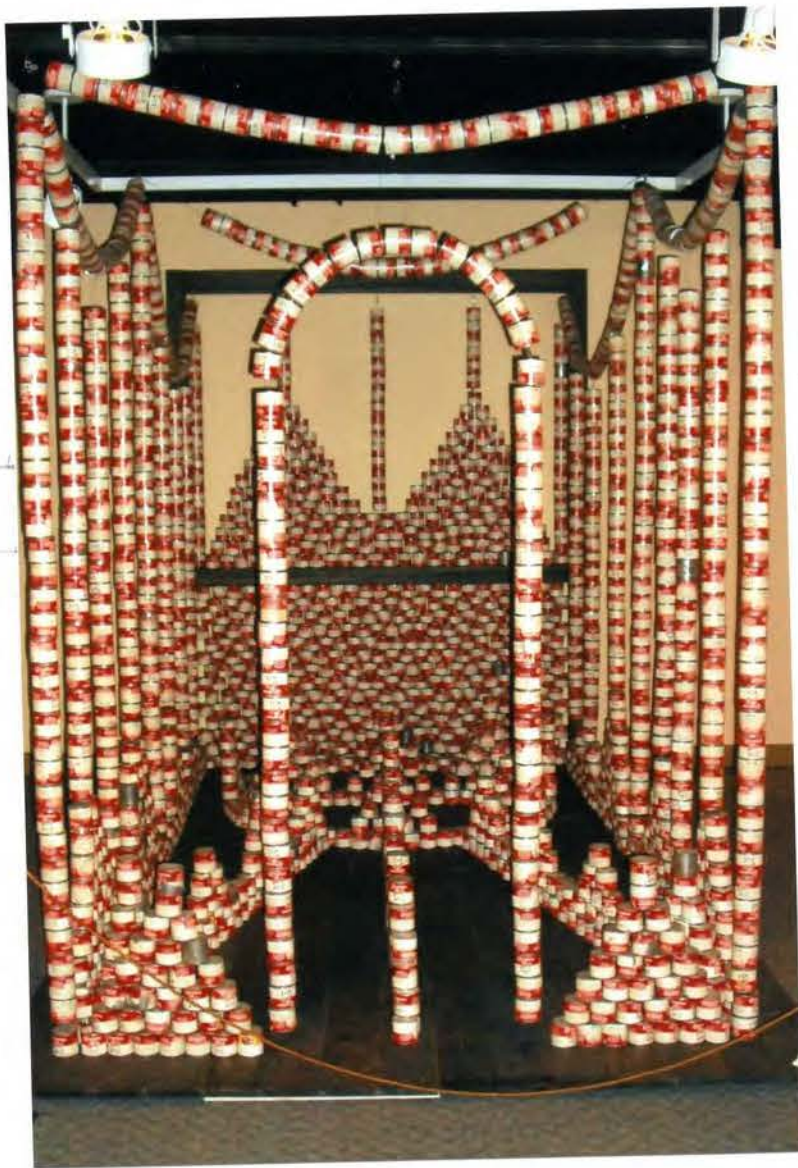
After a pyramid he had constructed with the cans fell over, Patterson started using stove-pipe wire to hold them together, and built a whimsical red and white structure that somewhat resembled a four-poster bed. The construction became known as the 'palace' and eventually reached the dimensions of 7'6" high by 5'9" wide by 10'6" long.

McDougall, who sketched and painted at the Patterson farm, wrote an article about it for REGION magazine that eventually brought Pierre Théberge of the National Gallery calling. After Patterson died in 1968, the National Gallery purchased the assemblage as an example of abstract rural folk art made with recycled materials.

Patterson's Carnation Milk Can Assemblage will be on display at the Elgin County Museum from September 11 to November 27 along with two complementary exhibits: "Clark McDougall: A Life on the Land" and "The Barns of Elgin: From the Earth to the Earth."

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PATTERSON HOME.
1965.



Tool Box use by Joseph Wride from Shedden Ontario
Auger for Peg Holes used by Joseph Wride
from Shedden Ontario.

Galbraith lecture at Elgin County Museum

Jesse Cnockaert *Oct 14th 2010*
The Chronicle

James Galbraith, the son of renowned local author and economist John Kenneth Galbraith, will give a lecture based on his most recent book at the Elgin County Museum, on October 15.

The book is entitled, *Predator State: How Conservatives Abandoned the Free Market and Why Liberals Should Too*. James Galbraith is Lloyd M. Bensten Jr. Chair in Government/Business Relations and Professor of Government at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in the United States. Galbraith is an economist who writes frequently for mainstream and liberal publications on economic topics.

James Galbraith's father, John Kenneth Galbraith, was a Canadian-American economist, born in Iona Station, and raised in Dunwich Township. Today, the Dutton library is named after John Galbraith, and a Literary Award, named in his honour, will be presented

at an annual award gala coming up October 16 at the WEDS Theatre in Dutton.

The upcoming lecture is presented by the County of Elgin's Department of Community and Cultural Services and the Friends of Dutton-Dunwich. Further information is available by calling 519-631-1460 ext. 160.

James Galbraith



Jerry Galbraith

March 1st 2012

WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE – Kathy Minnema

On thursday March 1st, 10 members of the Wallacetown Women's Institute, 2 guests, and 2 members of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute met at the West Elgin Community Health Centre in West Lorne at 1:30 pm. Convenors for this meeting were Kathy Minnema and Ruth Rueger.

Kathy Minnema introduced our speaker Dr. Yvonne MacDonald, who spoke on "Women and Heart Disease". Heart attacks and strokes are the # 1 cause of death in women, which could be from, post menopausal women, family history, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, weight, alcohol, smoking, physical inactivity, and stress. It is a known fact that most heart attacks occur between the hours of 3am and 5am, and the symptoms are different types of chest pains anywhere from the belly button to your nose. The pains are felt differently in men then in women and it can be a combination of symptoms or or just in 1 area. How do you protect yourself? Try to eat a healthy diet, you need at least 150 minutes of exercise a week. Be aware of and eliminate the risks, and if you are experiencing a symptom that lasts longer than normal, get help. The ladies asked many interesting questions that will help all of us to be more informed on this issue. Ruth Rueger thanked Dr. MacDonald.

Vice President Kathy Minnema opened our meeting with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer. Kathy read the minutes from the Jan. meeting. Louie Lackey gave the treasurer's report. The Home and Country was passed out to all members along with tickets to sell for the Daffodil Tea. Darlene Ford, Sally McIntyre, Louie Lackey, Ruth Rueger and Kathy Minnema attended the Winter Picnic held on Feb. 22nd at the South Dunwich Hall. Wallacetown W.I. was in charge of setup and lunch details. Shedden W.I. took charge of the toonie table. There were 50 in attendance. An invitation came from Harrietsville W.I. for a Spring Fashion Show on April 4th and 3 of our members will attend along with 1 guest. On April 14th the Bobier Villa Cancer Tea will be held from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Bobier Villa. Wallacetown W.I. are in charge of setup and to work in the kitchen from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Kay Waite will donate a fruit loaf and Mary Gillet and Kathy Minnema will work in the kitchen. Those attending are Louie Lackey, Ruth Rueger, Mary Gillet, Darlene Ford, Kay Waite Helen VanBrenk and Kathy Minnema. Kingsmill-Mapleton President Elaine Robinson thanked us for inviting their group to our meeting today. A meeting was set for March 26th, 9:30 am at the home of Sally McIntyre for our 100th Anniversary celebration.

Kathy Minnema read the motto: A Healthy Living. The Roll Call: How do you exercise? Some do special exercises; rest and eat well; eat lots of vegetables; walking; have quiet time; drink red wine; follow their diet; chasing after the dog; following doctors orders and medications; keeping buzy; and doing house work. A lovely lunch was supplied by Ruth Rueger, Sally McIntyre, Louie Lackey and Kathy Minnema. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is on April 19th at Helen VanBrenks home at 1:30 pm. Roll Call: What do you think our living will be like in the next decade?

Photo Taken March 1st 2012

- ELAINE ROBINSON.
- KAY WAITE
- DAISY BARBER
- LOUIE LACKEY
- MARCE LUMLEY
- RUTH RUEGER
- ELLEN JOHNSTON
- MIRLEY LUNN
- MARY GILLETT
- SALLY M'INTYRE
- DARLENE FORD



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Stock Books
for
**TYRCONNEL WHARF AND HARBOUR COMPANY
1853**
&
**DUNWICH PIER COMPANY
1861**

Tyrconnel and Dunwich Twp., Elgin County, Ontario, Canada

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HISTORY AND COMMENT

By 1853 the settlement of the south-westerly portion of Dunwich Township in Elgin County was well advanced. Nearly all the good agricultural land had been taken up by settlers, with considerable acreage cleared for crops, wheat being the main cash crop. Other farmers of Ontario were shipping their wheat to Great Britain. The threat of the Crimean War only heightened the desire of the Dunwich settlers to find an economical way to send their wheat to Great Britain to share in the rising prices as wheat from Russia and eastern Europe would be unavailable. Dunwich area saw mills were in full operation and although pine was not available in the large quantity as in East Elgin, the Carolinian forest produced large quantities of hardwoods for lumber, barrel staves etc, which would find a ready market in Great Britain.

In the 1840s and early 1850s some grain and lumber had been shipped out of hamlet of Tyrconnell on Lake Erie (Lot 8 Concession 10 Dunwich), David J Hall in his "Economic Development in County of Elgin 1850-1880", (page 96) notes that a "grain elevator" at Tyrconnell had been built in 1840.

Tyrconnell Creek was the largest of all the creeks other than Talbot Creek emptying into Lake Erie in Dunwich and Aldborough Townships. The wagon access to the creek's mouth on the lakeshore was not nearly as steep as at any other location in Dunwich.

(To my knowledge there was not a significant harbour on Talbot Creek in this era. Although Thomas Talbot had rebuilt a grist mill on Talbot creek just after the war of 1812, Talbot seemed to have discouraged shipping from the Talbot Creek. It would be most difficult for anyone to obtain the property needed for a wharf at Port Talbot as Talbot and his heirs owned all the surrounding land in the area and they seemed to have no interest in promoting a harbour there.)

Tyrconnell, as a harbour had a serious drawback, the shallow creek mouth often filled with sand even after a minor storm on Lake Erie. Nearly all cargo had to be transferred to lake ships anchored off shore by scows from the wharfs along the Tyrconnell creek bank. The blockage of the creek mouth often seriously hampered the transfer work.

Building of a Pier out into the Lake would lessen these difficulties as scows could be loaded without having to enter the creek mouth and small ships might be loaded directly from a such a pier. The Tyrconnel Wharf and Harbour Company was formed in 1853 as a stock company to build such a pier.

Hall notes (page 96) that the company failed to build a pier. I do not know if construction of the pier was ever started as the stock company appears to have been under capitalized. The depression following the Crimean war certainly finished off the scheme.

James Blackwood, a local Tyrconnell merchant, had great plans for a major town on the flat land at the top of the lake bank using the harbour at Tyrconnell as its focus. In 1853 he registered a village plan with over 400 lots on Lot 8 in Concessions 9 and 10 (Registered Plan 9 in the County of Elgin Land Registry Office). He planned to sell these lots to people eager to cash in on the upcoming bonanza of a major harbour facility. Alas Blackwood's bonanza failed caused in large part by the general depression following the Crimean war. When no one came to purchase his lots, he was forced into bankruptcy. It is interesting to note that Blackwood did not have stock in the Tyrconnell Wharf and Harbour Company.

The hard times of this period (mid and late 1850's) likely encouraged some investors in the stock company to leave the Dunwich area. With the absence of a 1851 census of Dunwich, it has been difficult to find an alternative reference to some of the stock holders.

In 1861 another stock company, capitalized at \$2000, the DUNWICH PIER COMPANY, was organized to build a pier at Tyrconnell. This company hoped to take advantage of the economic boom which was occurring during the American Civil War. The success of the project was noted by Hall. (pages 96 and 97)

"The chief merchant at Tyrconnell for many years was Meredith Conn, a Grain buyer. In 1867 Conn describes the accommodations and trade of that place.

"There is a pier and warehouses. There is a good business done here in grain, timber and staves (Barrel). I shipped this past season about 42,00 bushels of grain (read wheat) from that port. I have generally shipped about 60,000 bushels in the season. There will be about 200,000 staves to ship in the spring beside other timber, consisting of cordwood and hewed logs"

Hall continues,

"Tyrconnell continued to be important as a small shipping centre for a number of years the pier was well maintained and was described as being 500 feet long and 30 feet wide. After this date (1867) however the place went into decline and by 1890 the was considered unsafe and no longer used".

The main access road to Tyrconnell from Dunwich township and the Talbot Road was the Coyne side road (between lots 6 and 7) to the Talbot Road. In the H R Page's "Historical Atlas of Elgin of 1877", a road is show running northerly and westerly from Tyrconnell through Lots 7 and 8 in Concessions 8 and 9 and joins the Coyne side road at the mid point of Lot 7 in Concession 8.

This road ran through the property of Meredith Conn (Lot 8 Concession 9) and others. Although there seems to be no legal description of this road registered in the Elgin County Land Registry Office, the road was still shown on a 1910 map of Dunwich. Tremaine's map of Elgin County of 1864 shows a pier at Tyrconnell jutting into the Lake but does not show the road.

Commerce at Tyrconnell started to decline with the advent of the depression which followed the American Civil War. The coming of the Canada Southern Railway through West Elgin was the final straw in the demise of the pier. By 1872 the railway had been completed through Central Dunwich and Aldborough Townships and lead to the emergence of Dutton as the major trading centre taking the place of both Waliacetown and Tyrconnell.

Although Meredith Conn Jr may have still utilized Tryconnell as a port, by shipping grain into Dutton by the Canada Southern Railway and "teaming" it to Tyrconnell, this practice likely did not continue for very long.

A small concrete pier for the local commercial fishing industry was built sometime after 1900 and its use continued into the 1920s but it too has long disappeared.

Tyrconnell now basks in the summer sun, the world having passed it by, home to a few seeking peace and quiet.

The stockholder lists are an important genealogical resource, not only giving the residence of some of the area citizens at a particular time period but also some indication of their financial resources.

TYRCONNEL WHARF AND HARBOUR COMPANY 1853

THE STOCK BOOK

Be it remembered that on this twenty ninth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand and eight hundred and fifty three, We the undersigned stockholders met at the Tryconnel School House in the County of Elgin and the Province of Ontario and resolved to form ourselves into a company to be called the Tryconnel wharf and Harbour Company according to the provisions of a Certain Act of parliament of this Province entitled an act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock companies for the construction of piers, wharves, dry docks and Harbours for the purpose of Constructing a pier and making a harbour at Tyrconnel and we do hereby declare that the Capital stock of the said Company shall be four hundred pounds to be divided into eighty shares at the price or sum of of Five Pounds each And we the undersigned stockholders do hereby agree to take and accept the number of shares set by us opposite to our respective signatures and do hereby agree to pay the calls thereon according to the provisions of the said act in part recited act and of the rules, regulations, resolutions and by laws of the said Company to be made or passed in that behalf and we do hereby nominate Peter Gow, Joseph Mitchell, Thos. G. Coyne, John Hidden, Robert Gow to be the First Directors of said company

Deposited and Registered the 6th day of September 1853 at One o'clock pm as No 5
 "Tryconell Harbor Company"
 Deputy Registrar Middlesex and Elgin

THE STOCK HOLDERS

The stockholders list was signed by each individual stock holder and certain names are difficult to read (As sometimes there was more than one person with same name residing in the Dunwich area, it is impossible to ascertain which person was actually the stock holder)

Name	Stock Shares	Other Reference to Person
Benson William	1	1844 assessment SE 1/4 Con 7 Lot 21
Coyne Isaac	5	Concession 1 Lot 7
Coyne Thomas G	5	1844 assessment Con 9 Lot 9 1842 Census merchant
Coyne Wm	5	merchant of St Thomas and son of Henry Coyne who lived on the Talbot road at the Coyne side road
Crane Anthony	5	Con 11 L 15 Cen farmer
Finlayson Alex' r	1	Con A L 6
Finlayson Angus	1	
Gow Peter	5	Con 11 L 14 Cen farmer
Gow Robert	5	Con 11 L 14 Cen farmer
Gunn Thomas	1	
Hewitt Thomas	3	
Hidden John	1	
Luxton Thomas	1	
McLachlan Hugh	2	
O Brien John P.	2	Cen carpenter Voter 1856
Richie? John	1	Cen blacksmith indexed as Rickey
Scott Joseph	1	Con 9 L 9
Stafford James	2	Voter 1856
Weldon Alexander	1	Likely Con 10 L 17 Cen labourer
Total shares	48	

References are

Location of person, Lot and Concession from 1864 Tremaine's Map of Elgin County
 Dunwich Township unless noted

Census listings (Cen) are from the 1861 census of Dunwich Township unless noted

The 1856 Voters were among those in Dunwich Township who voted against the County of Elgin issuing debentures to assist in the building of the London and Port Stanley Railway

**DUNWICH PIER COMPANY
1861**

THE STOCK BOOK

Be it remembered that on this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand and eight hundred and sixty one, We the undersigned stockholders met at Wallacetown in the County of Elgin and the Province of Ontario and resolved to form ourselves into a company to be called the Dunwich Pier Company according to the provisions of a Certain Act of parliament of this Province entitled an act 16th Victoria Chap 124 An Act to provide for the formation of joint stock companies for the Construction of piers, wharves, Dry docks and Harbours for the purpose of Constructing a pier at Tyrconnell. And we do hereby declare that the Capital stock of the said Company shall be two thousand Dollars to be divided into one hundred shares at the price or sum of twenty dollars each And we the undersigned stockholders do hereby agree to take and accept the number of shares set by us opposite to our respective signatures and do hereby agree to pay the calls thereon according to the provisions of the said act and of the rules and regulations, resolutions and by laws of the said Company to be made or passed in that behalf and we do hereby nominate John Pearce, Peter Gow, John McKillop, Meredith Conn and James Black to be the First Directors of said company

Recorded in the County of Elgin Registry office as No 11 Joint Stock Co

Recorded the 4th day of June 1861 at two of the clock PM in Liber A for the Register of Joint Stock Companies Folio 26

J McKay Registrar Elgin

THE STOCK HOLDERS

The stockholders list was signed by each individual stock holder and certain names were difficult to read (As sometimes there was more than one person with same name residing in the Dunwich area, it is impossible to ascertain which person was actually the stock holder)

Name	Stock Shares (\$20 each share)	Other Reference to Person
Allen George	1	Concession 9 Lot 7, 1861 Census farmer
Backus Andrew	2	Con 8 L 8 Cen farmer
Backus Robert	1	Con 9 L 13 Cen farmer
Backus Stephen Jr	2	Cen farmer
Barr Robert	1	Cen carpenter and joiner
Black James	2	Con 7 L 9 Cen farmer
Blackwood Georgina F.	5	lived Tyrconnell wife of James
Blackwood .		Local merchant
Blue Neil	1	Con 5 South of A, L 14 Cen farmer's son
Bobier William	2	Cen farm labourer
Brown John	1	Con 9 L 6 Cen farmer
Brown Robert	1	Con 11 L 19 Cen farmer
Cameron Donald	1	
Cameron Peter	1	Cen blacksmith
Conn Atkinson	1	Con 10 L 6 (tenant) Cen sawyer
Conn Meredith	5	Con 10 L 14 Cen farmer
Crane Adam	1	Con 12 L 16 Cen farmer
Crane Anthony	2	Con 10 L 18 Cen farmer

Crane Peter	1 Con 9 L 6 Cen farmer
Curtis Samuel	2 Tyrconnell Globe Hotel Cen innkeeper
Gorme Thomas	1 Cen wagon maker
Gow John	1 Con 11 L 14 Cen farmer's son
Gow Peter	5 Con 11 L 13 Cen farmer
Gow Robert	3 Cen farmer
Grainger William	1 Cen farmer
Gunn Donald A	2 Con 7 L 4&5 Cen Daniel A, postmaster
Gunn Donald B	1 (signed by same person as Donald A Gunn) Cen Daniel B., farmer
James Richard	1 Cen carpenter
Kerr John	1 Con Broken Front A L 6 Cen farmer
Liberty Henry	2 Cen farmer
Liberty Septimus	1 Cen labourer North West 1/4 of Lot 8 Con 8
Matheson Donald	1 Con 7 L 1 Cen farmers son
McBeath A	2 Cen retired Hudson Bay business
McBrayen Daniel	2 Wallacetown merchant Cen merchant
McCcoll Duncan T	1 Con 7 L 17 Cen no occupation listed
McIntyre L. (Lazers)W	2 Cen carpenter and joiner
McKellar Donald G	1 Con 4 L 3
McKillop Arch	1 Con 6 L 21 Cen farmer
McKillop Archibald	1 Con 6 L 21 or Con 7 L 15 Cen farmer
McKillop John	2 Wallacetown Cen merchant and postmaster
McLaws David	1 Cen Blacksmith (Wallacetown)
McLean Alexander	1 Con 4 L 10 Cen farmer
McMillan Donald	1 Con 3 L 13 Cen farmer
McPhail Alexander	1 Cen farmer
McPherson Alexander	1 Con 5 South of A L 12 Cen machinist
McPherson Peter	1 Con 4 L 5 or Con 3 L 6 Cen farmer
McRae John	1 Con 2 L 7 Cen farmer
McVannel John	1 Con 3 L 7 Cen farmer
Michen Hugh	1
Mitchell Joseph	2 Cen miller
Morden William	1 Con 10 L 6
Morris Robert	2 Con 9 L 7 Cen carpenter (listed as Morish)
Morrish Richard	1 Cen farmer
O'Brien John P.	1 Cen carpenter
O'Neill Thomas	1 Cen shoemaker
Page James	1 Cen farmer
Parker Peter	2 Con 10 L 16 Cen farmer
Parker James	3 Con 10 L 16 Cen farmer
Paterson Neil	1 Con 7 L 20 Cen farmer
Paton Robert	1 Cen labourer
Pearce John	4 Con 9 L 10 Cen farmer
Pearce Thomas	1 Con 9 L 10 Cen farmer (census indexes as Pierce
Rankin Donald	1 Cen Innkeeper(indexed as Daniel)
Sanders John	1 Con 11 L 24 Cen farmer
Scott Joseph	2 Con 9 L 9
Stevenson James	1 Cen shoemaker and postmaster
Thomson Widow	1 (Is this Ellen Thomson Cen farmer?)
Trothen William	1 Con 9 L 4 (son of Richard) Cen farmer
Walters George	1 Con 10 L 5 Cen farmer