

DAY TRIP TO ADELAIDE HOODLESS HOME MONDAY JUNE 19th, 1995.

Sally McIntyre and Helen Van Brenk outside the Adelaide Hoodless Home.



Sally, Darlene Ford , Helen outside the Adelaide Hoodless Home.



Helen McLauchlin, and Mae Graham.



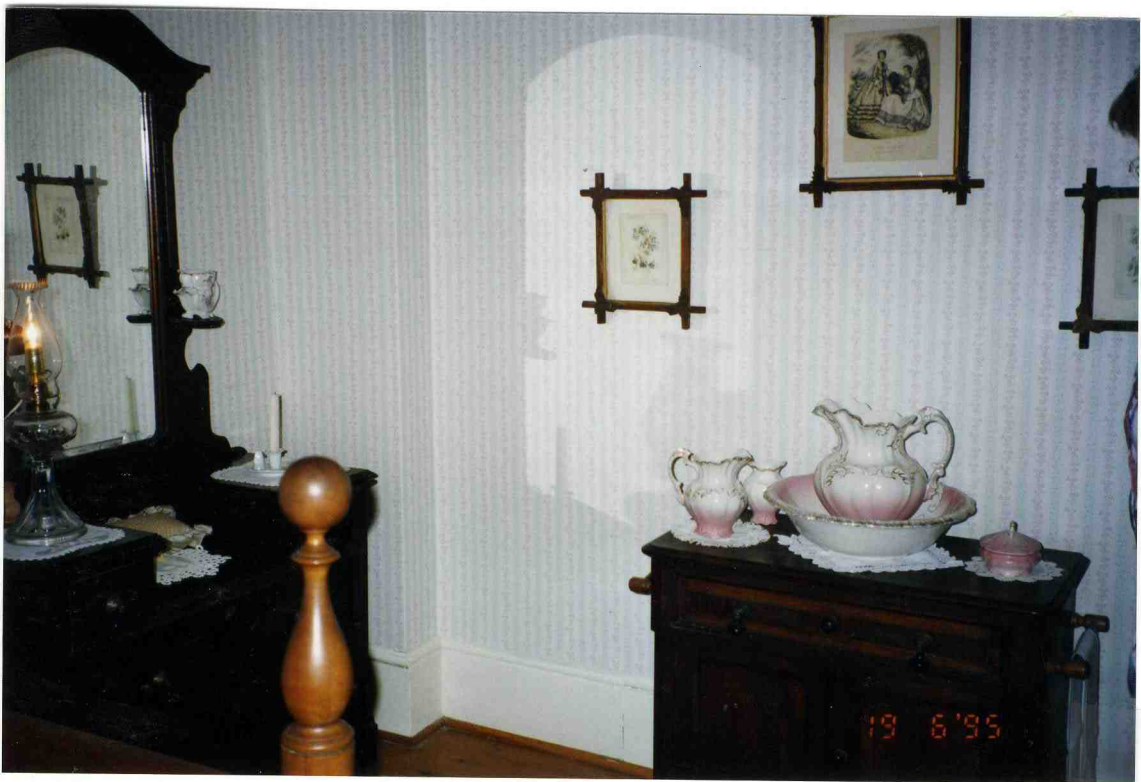
Sally McIntyre. Looking at old quilts.



Darlene Ford and Marg Cowell.



Louie Lackey and Kay Waite.





Town Hall at ST. GEORGE.



ELGIN WEST DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE met at South Dunwich Hall for its 87th annual meeting. Wallacetown W. I. hosted with about 70 in attendance. Held on May 10th. 1995.



Sally McIntyre and Helen Van Brenk taking registration with Marg Cowell looking on.



Officers for 1995--96 years. For Elgin West District W. I.



WALLACETOWN W.I. had a pie sae at Ron Hansen Store in Dutton on 8th April 1995. Members L to R.

1. Louie Lackey, 2. Mae Graham, 3. Marjorie Ripley, 4. Sally McIntyre, 5. Joan McLandress, 6. Ruby McGugan.



WALLACETOWN W. I. 2ND PRIZE AT THE WALLACETOWN FAIR .
 (WILD WEST DAZE.) SEPT 30TH 1995.
 Display done by Louie Lackey, Kay Waite.

Coyne's Corners topic at Wallacetown W.I

Legislation and Citizenship was the theme for the program for the October meeting of the Wallacetown Women's meeting.

The president Mrs. Sally McIntyre, presided over the meeting, welcoming guests from Clachan, Crinan, Cowal, Tyrconnell and West Lorne.

The motto for the meeting, "Knowledge does not comprise all which is contained in the large term 'Education'", was interestingly commented on by Ruby McGugan.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Colin McGugan, who works with the Hydro Research Department in Mississauga, but whose home is on the McGugan homestead on No. 3 Highway, held the audience with the history of Coyne's Corners.

Colin began his talk with history dating back to 1774. Dunwich history began in 1803 when Colonel Talbot, a retired army officer, came to settle in the area. He controlled the north shore of Lake Erie from Windsor to Guelph. It was a slow beginning as there were no immigrants. After the war in 1912, surveying got underway. He secured the help of poor, hard working settlers. In 1816 more settlers came, known as the Red River Settlers, but after much hard work they soon became discouraged with the deal and moved on. Col. Talbot allotted 50 acres of the poorer land to settlers but kept 150 acres for himself. He would then lease his land to other settlers. In this way he amassed over 65,000 acres of land and also money.

In 1817 Henry Coyne came to Canada from Ireland and settled in the Coyne's Corner area. He also became interested in clearing land and developing and also became involved in dealings with Col. Talbot. Surveying and developing continued up the Lake Erie shoreline to Port Talbot and Tyrconnell. Wheat and lumber were the main commodities and Tyrconnell became the major shipping port for the area from 1840 to 1870 shipping grain and lumber to Britain.

Development continued and Donald McGugan leased 3 lots from Col. Talbot. The first hotel was built by Henry Coyne on the former Bamford Gifton Corner (now Yvonne Briggs) about 1852 and the second hotel on the Albert Braddon (now Ray Braddon) corner. The third hotel, on the now Wm. McLandress corner, was later moved to the Daniel McGugan corner which is now the private home of Mrs. Ruby McGugan. It is interesting to note that our present Lieut. Governor Henry Jackman is a descendant of Henry Coyne, the first hotel builder. Later a school was built known as S.S. #3 Coyne's Corner. Now it is a home owned by Stephen Cushman. Colin illustrated his talk with the use of maps and slides. On display were an

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atlas and legal documents, and several pictures of members of the McGugan family and their home about 1900 and pictures of the school dated 1909, St. Peter's Church and cemetery, the Ellis Sifton plaque and Col. Talbot's grave.

Appreciation was expressed to Colin for his very interesting talk and a gift was presented to him by Marjorie Ripley.

During the business meeting the secretary Joan McLandress updated members on several items of correspondence. Helen Van Brenk will attend the London Area W.I. Convention at Kirkton - Woodham Community Centre on October 20th. The Elgin Manor Volunteer Luncheon is on October 26th at noon.

Plans were discussed for a Fashion Show in the Community Hall, Wallacetown for November 17th. Both men

and women will participate with the proceeds to go toward the Tweedsmuir Book Fund.

Members were reminded of the Elgin Museum Bazaar on December 1st from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Crafts and baking are requested. The Bobier Home Christmas Party is December 1st in the afternoon. The meeting closed with the singing of O' Canada.

A delicious lunch was served by Kay Lilley and Joan Johnston. The tables were most attractive with Thanksgiving motifs.