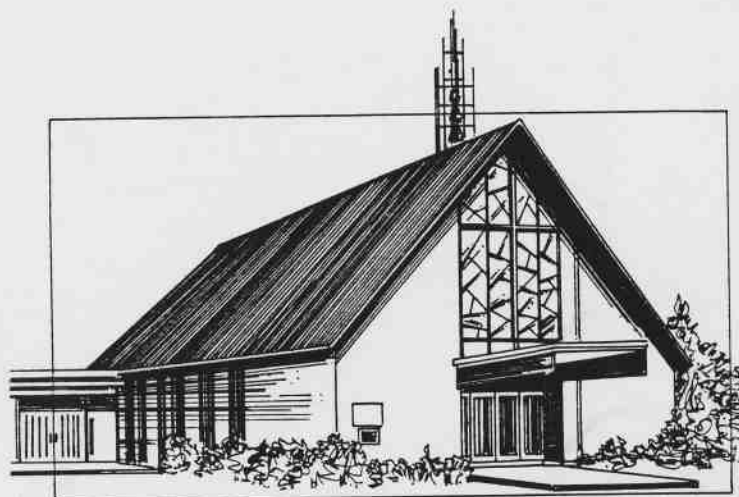
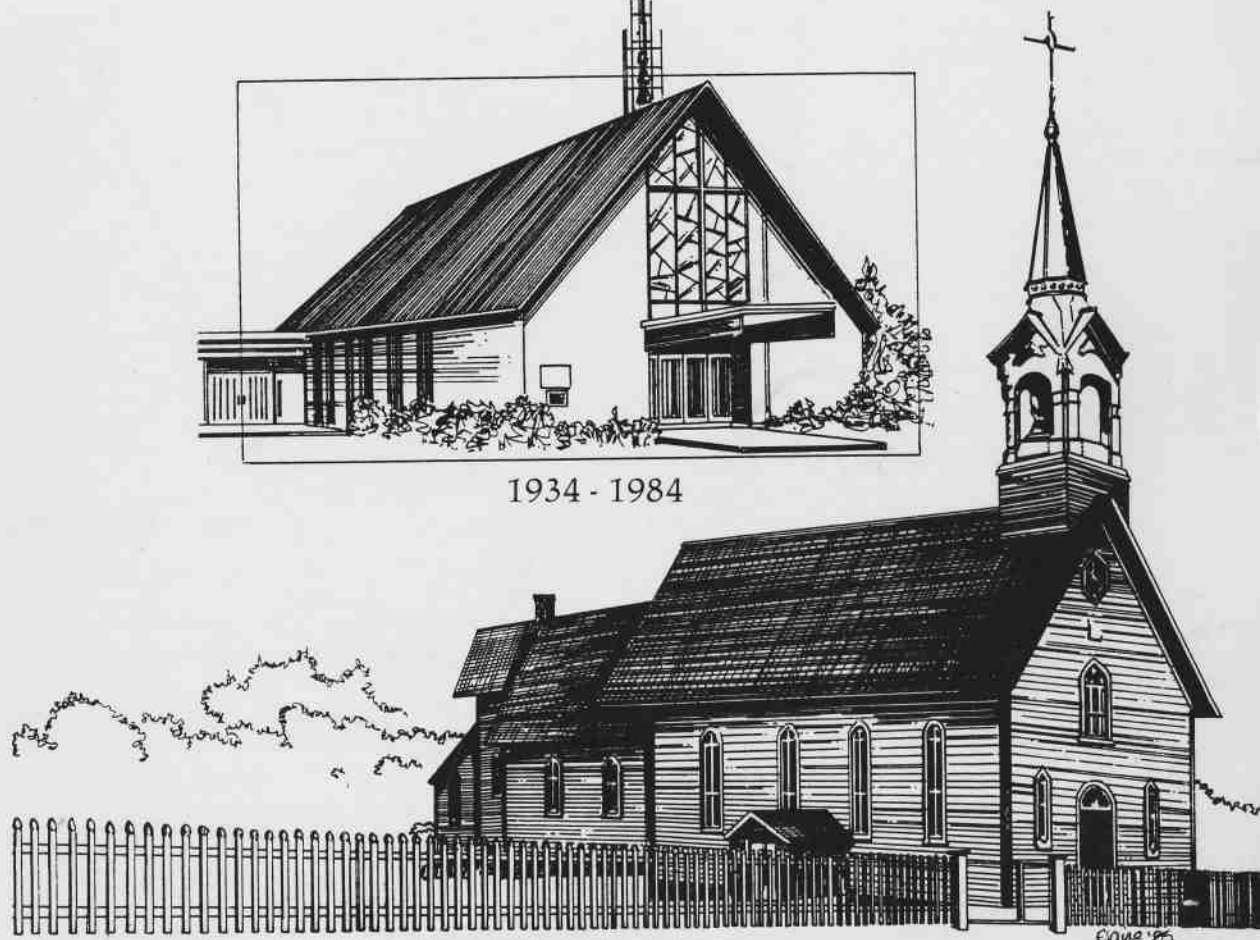


● 50TH ANNIVERSARY ●



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St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish

**A HISTORY
OF
ST. LAWRENCE O' TOOLE'S PARISH**

**TO COMMEMORATE
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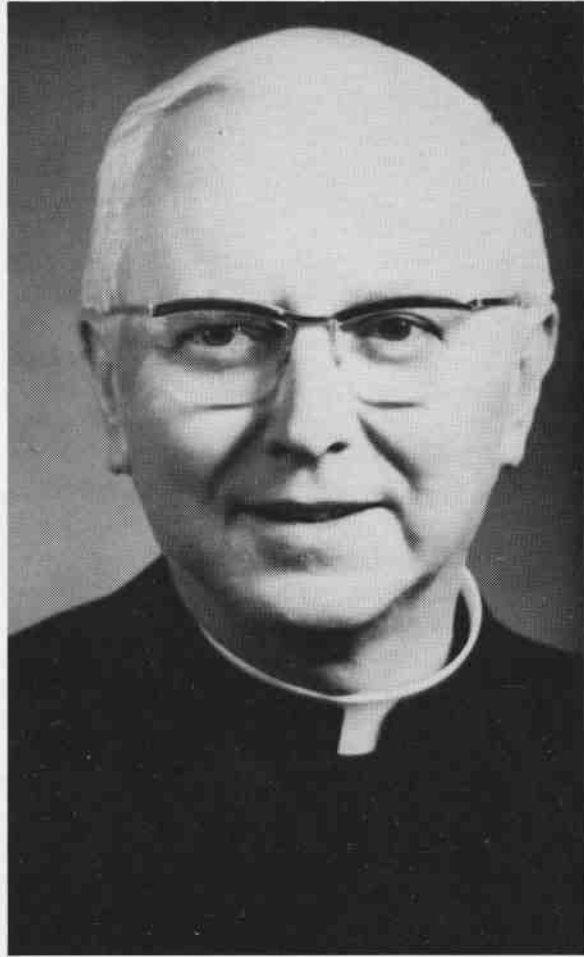
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Barry's Bay, Ontario

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE (1128-1180)

Lorcan Ua Tuathail, or Lawrence O'Toole, was born near Castledermot, County Kildare, of a marriage between the chieftain families of O'Toole and O'Byrne. Spending a couple of years of his childhood as the hostage of the raiding King, Dermot McMurrough of Leinster, he then became a monk at Glendalough and was elected abbot in 1153, at the age of 25. In 1162, he was named Archbishop of Dublin. He was outstanding in his relief of the poor of the diocese. In 1175, Lawrence went to England to negotiate a treaty between King Henry II and Rory O'Connor, high-king of Ireland. In 1179, he was appointed papal legate to Ireland. On November 14, 1180, on a return to Ireland, Lawrence died at Eu, near Rouen. Lawrence O'Toole was canonized by Pope Honorius III in 1225.



We are living in an age when many people are going back to their roots. In the past number of years people generally have shown a renewed interest in their ancestors and how these have helped to form that part of the world in which we, their descendants, now live.

If this process is true in families, it is equally true for the Parish Family. And of course, it is also a valid task of the Diocesan Family as well. If you remember in 1982 we spent a great deal of effort praising our ancestors in the Diocese of Pembroke, and examining the legacy they so valiantly passed on to us.

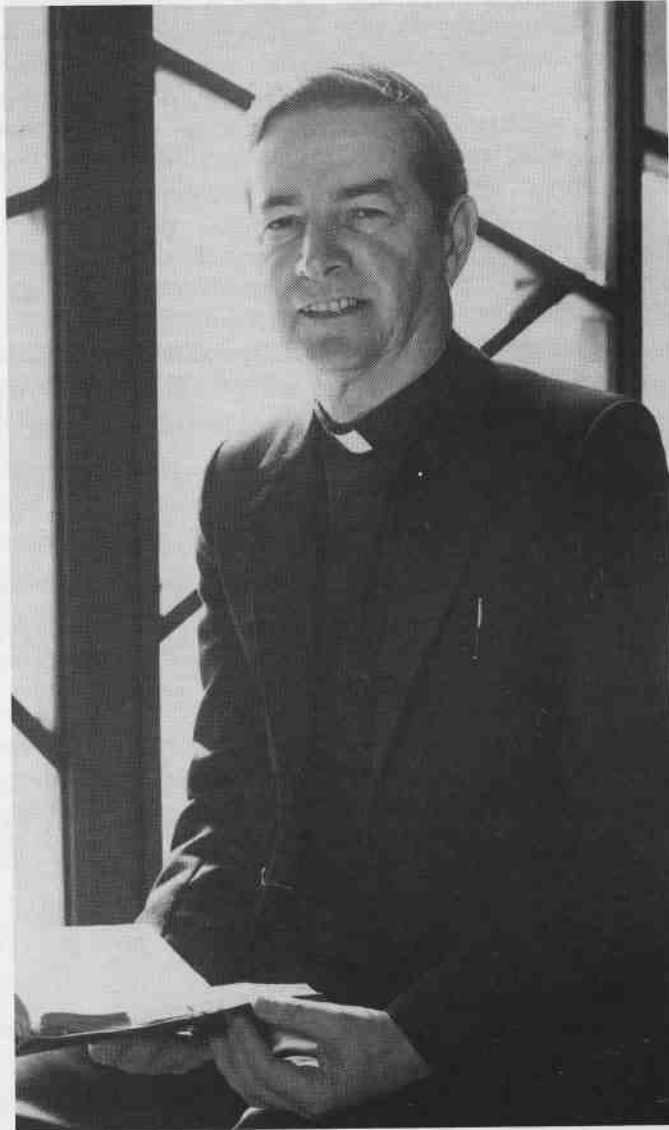
In the light of this trend, I am most happy to write a word in the History of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Barry's Bay. This Parish family has certainly taken a first place across the years, with other parishes of the diocese. Consequently it would only seem proper and just then, to look at the beginnings of this beautiful Parish founded in 1934 and inhabited by Irish immigrants in the majestic setting of Barry's Bay.

May the Lord bless all those who laboured that we might benefit from their faith. May Priests, Religious, and good Laity both past, present and future be rewarded for all they have done and will do to build up this Christian community. And, as we read this very interesting and informative history, may we realize the often heroic efforts made to plant the seed of faith and then to care for it so that it could be passed on to us growing and flourishing.

May the Good Lord abundantly bless this beautiful Parish, and may it continue to be a vivid reality of the presence of Christ always among His people.

God bless all of you, and to St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish we say, "ad multos annos" - for many more years.

† J. R. Windle
Bishop of Pembroke



Fifty years ago, this parish was established to serve the spiritual needs of the Catholics of Irish ancestry of the area, after being a mission of St. Andrew's Parish in Killaloe, and before that, Brudenell. St. Hedwig's Parish had been established many years before to minister to the needs of the Catholics of Polish ancestry.

Over the years, priests and people in these parishes have served the needs of the community and continue to work and pray together for the good of all and the greater honour and glory of God.

As the pastor of St. Lawrence's Parish, and in the name of the parish priests before me, I wish to thank God for the many blessings granted to the clergy and people of the parish over the years. I wish to thank all who, through the years, have prayed and worked together for the building of the parish. What we have in 1984 is the result of the work and sacrifice of people, priests and sisters over the years. We ask God to bless the parishioners so that the parish will continue to thrive.

In closing, I wish to thank Robert Corrigan for his dedicated work in compiling this history of St. Lawrence's Parish. His work will be appreciated by all who are associated with the parish.

Rev. J. E. Green, P.P.

A 50th anniversary usually suggests 50 years of history. Although the parish is 50 years old, St. Lawrence's was a mission before the turn of the century. Furthermore, one must consider the opening of the area by the lumber companies along the Madawaska River and the pioneers along the Opeongo Road, not to mention the arrival of the railroad. These are facts that resulted in the establishment of Barry's Bay as a community and therefore the need for a church. All of this means that the history for a 50th anniversary here must go back in time for more than 100 years.

It is not easy to write about the past when there is no abundance of information. Very little has been written about Barry's Bay and there are no longer people around with memories that go back that far. Some details have come from oral family accounts and even speculation. Nevertheless, I have tried to be as exact as possible at all times.

After working on this project on a part-time basis for almost two years, I can see how more time could be spent before saying that it is truly finished, but we must not wander too far past the time of the anniversary. So, ready or not, we must wind things up even though we have not yet consulted every source nor contacted every individual who could contribute some information.

I believe that photographs do much to show what people and places looked like in the past, and they will be an important ingredient in this account. Much thanks must go to Dennis Corrigan who willingly copied every photograph that was sent his way.

I would like to thank all the people who have contributed information and/or photographs. Author Brenda Lee-Whiting has given us permission to use a couple of photographs of priests from her collection. Elaine Murray provided the sketch for the cover while Eric Huestis drew the diagrams in the text. It is virtually impossible to record the families of the parish without missing some. Because of this, we depended on all parishioners to ensure that reasonable completeness was achieved. Hopefully our errors and omissions, if any, are few.

Robert C. Corrigan

GEOLOGICAL REPORT OF 1853

In the beginning, the name, Barry's Bay, did not refer to a village. Rather, Barry's Bay was a 9-kilometre-long bay off Kamanisseg Lake. Alexander Murray, the assistant provincial geologist, spent the summer and fall of 1853 in an exploration of a portion of the unsurveyed region between Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River. The surveying expedition consisted of four men and their provisions in two canoes. Starting at Georgian Bay, they travelled northeast along the Muskoka River to the Petawawa River, along the Ottawa River, up the Bonnechere River to the Little Madawaska River, then to the Madawaska River, and southwest again to Balsam Lake near Lake Simcoe. In making these two traverses across the country, a lineal distance of about 800 kilometres was covered. In his Geological Report, Murray mentioned that a blazed trail existed to guide travellers between Round Lake and Kamanisseg Lake. Murray also made reference to the area of water south of the present-day village; the water was already known as Barry's Bay by 1853, and it was surrounded by dense forests of pine. No mention is made of inhabitants although it is said elsewhere that squatters were in the area by 1850.

BARRY'S BAY

The naming of Barry's Bay seems to be lost in time. Different versions have been put forth as the reason for the name. One suggestion is that there was a man named

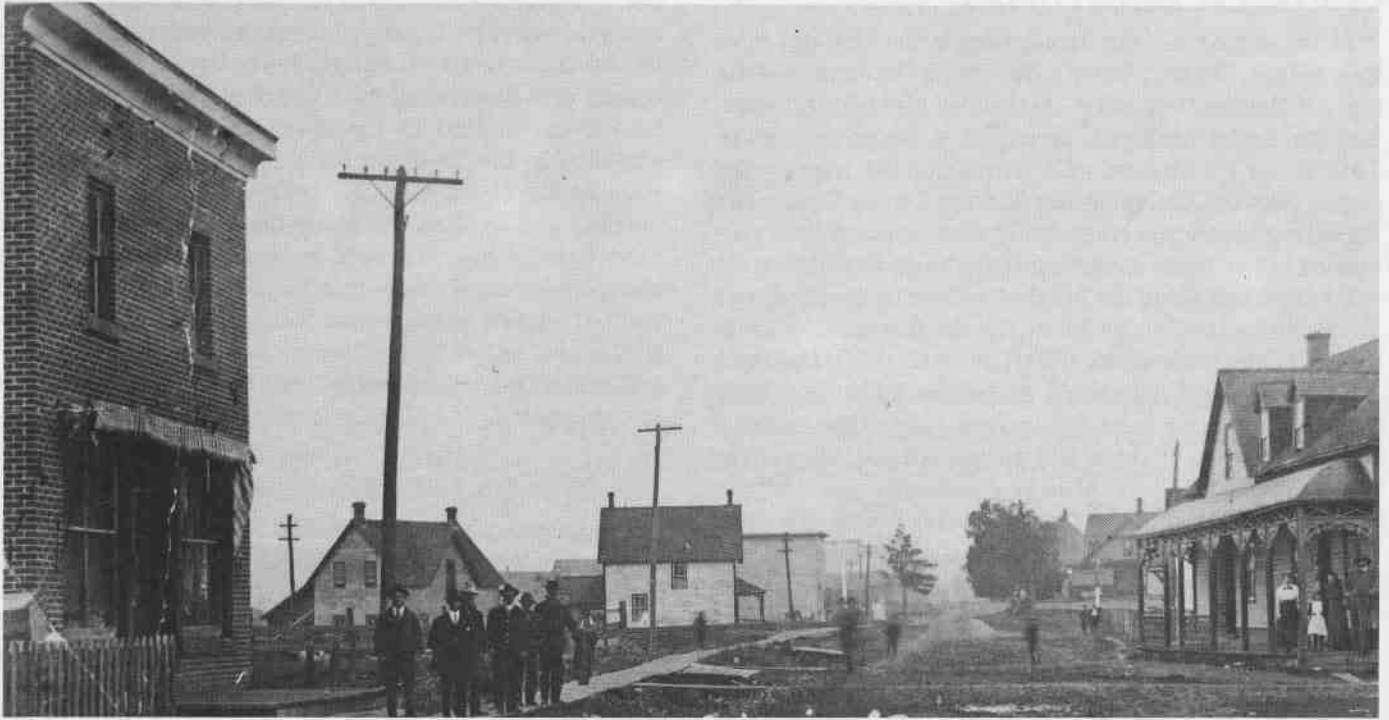
Barry, possibly a McLachlin foreman, who had a camp on the Bay, either on the island or on the mainland. It would be very appropriate for Barry's Bay to have its origins connected with lumbering, but a check of McLachlin records reveals no foreman by the name of Barry. Another suggestion that has been put forth by several people is that the area was called Berry Bay because of the abundance of berries, and in time the name became Berries Bay and then Barry's Bay. It would be easy to understand this change in name if one is familiar with the local dialect, a form of Ottawa Valley accent. Each version has its proponents, and unless new information appears, Barry's Bay will remain among the many other locations that have unknown origins.

THE OTTAWA AND OPEONGO ROAD

The Ottawa and Opeongo Road was a colonization road that was to stretch from Farrell's Landing on the Ottawa River near Renfrew to the south shore of Opeongo Lake in present-day Algonquin Park, a total distance of about 160 kilometres. In reality, the road was only completed a short distance north of the present-day village of Madawaska and south of Victoria Lake. The purpose of the road was to open up the area for lumbering and also to encourage pioneers to settle in the interior regions rather than in the usual places such as along the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes. Lumberman John Egan had been pressuring the government to build a service road



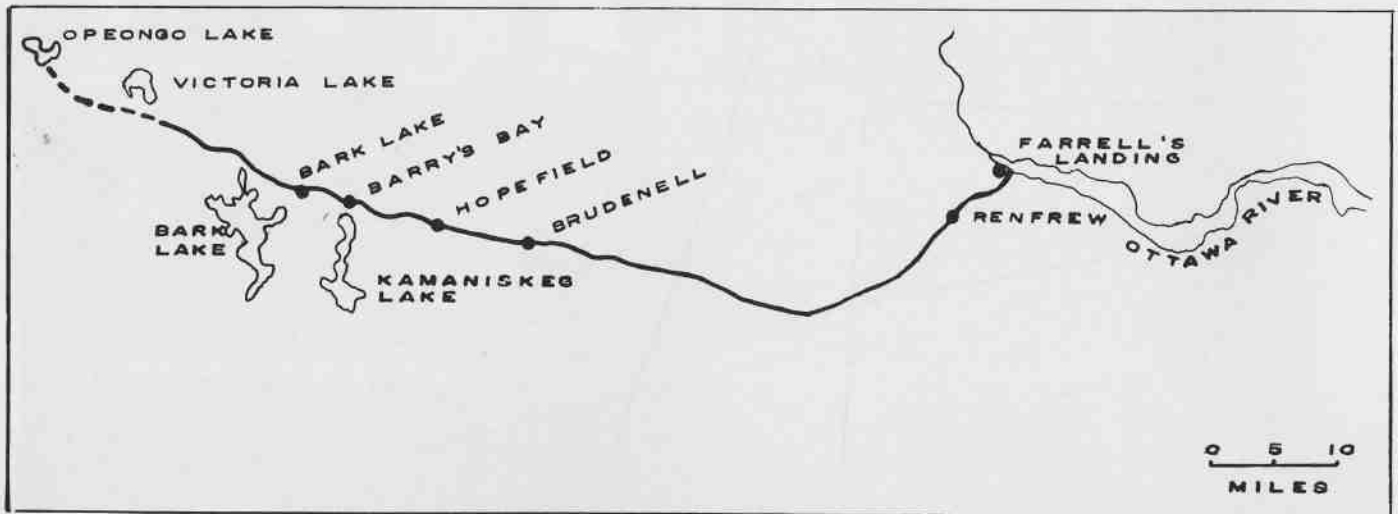
Early View Of Barry's Bay With St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church In The Distance.



Boardwalk In This 1913 Photograph Extended As Far As St. Lawrence's Church.

into the interior. Such a service road would allow lumbermen to bring supplies to their shanties. Another hope, which of course did not come about, was to continue the road westward to Georgian Bay once Opeongo Lake was reached. The settlers, who would receive free grants of land, would also provide a source of food and labour for the lumber industry. In late 1850, Robert Bell, a Provincial Land Surveyor, was appointed to survey an exploration line from the Ottawa River to Opeongo Lake, with a range of lots on either side; this was done in 1852. In September 1853, civil engineer A.H. Sims was appointed to carry out the construction of a winter road and this was done by January 1854. Trees were cut down and cleared

out of the way so that sleighs could travel over stumps and rocks along the route, going across lakes where possible. In 1856, Andrew J. Russell, engineer and surveyor, started work on a road suitable for a wagon, and by 1858, the road was completed as far west as Barry's Bay. By 1862, the road was finished as far as lot 60 (lot 8, concession 9 in Murchison Township), but in 1867 it was decided to not continue the road any further towards Opeongo Lake because it was not economical, and besides, the land was not very suitable for farming. So, the remainder of the Opeongo Road, from lot 60 to Sproule Bay of Opeongo Lake, existed only in the early days as a winter road.



The Ottawa And Opeongo Road

T.P. FRENCH

Thomas Patrick French, formerly of the Bank of British North America, was appointed as Crown Land Agent for the Opeongo Road in September 1855, and held the position until 1865. His duties were to promote the settling of the area along the road, help locate free-grant settlers, sell lots, supervise road improvements, check on the fulfillment of obligations of free-grant settlers, and report on the progress of settlement. T.P. French also served as the first reeve of Sebastopol and Griffith Townships and was the first warden of Renfrew County, before being appointed Post Office Inspector for the Ottawa district. T.P. French died in Ottawa on November 7, 1890.

SETTLING ALONG THE OPEONGO ROAD

T.P. French, in his position as Crown Land Agent at Mount St. Patrick, wrote a booklet in 1857, entitled "Information for Intending Settlers, on the Ottawa and Opeongo Road, and its Vicinity". A grant of 100 acres was offered free to any settler, 18 years of age or older, who would take possession of the lot within a month of the application. The settler was to erect a house 'at least 18 feet by 20 feet', and put at least '12 acres' in a state of cultivation in the course of four years. With these conditions completed, the settler would then receive a deed to the property. No farming experience was necessary since neighbours were willing to help one another in all aspects. French advised the would-be immigrant of the procedure of obtaining a passage on a suitable ship and the cost as well as a list of items that should be brought to Canada. Upon arriving at Quebec, the immigrant could travel to Montreal by steamer, and then either by steamboat or rail to Ottawa. A stage to Aylmer would see the immigrant on a steamer that would go to Farrell's Landing, one end of the Ottawa and Opeongo Road. The immigrant could then procure some mode of conveyance or walk to his destination. Relevant topics such as the political make-up of a township, the manufacture of potash for sale, the schedule for planting the various crops, the keeping of farm animals, the potential for hunting and fishing, the variety in climate, and other such topics were discussed. Although French promised in the introduction not to theorize or exaggerate in a way to mislead anyone, he referred to the land as being excellent for agricultural purposes, and stated that snow purified the atmosphere and enriched the earth. He also pointed out that there were very few fanatics or convicts in Canada, a prosperous, progressive and happy country.

PIONEERS

Early settlers along the Opeongo Road had a very difficult time. First, the pioneer would have to cut out a clearing and build a simple shanty. Fortunately, building bees were a way of life as neighbours cooperated with one-another to complete tasks. When time and circumstances allowed, a better home would be erected. Meanwhile, trees had to be cut down and stumps and stones removed

to make way for crops and livestock. It turned out that the land was not ideally suited to farming. Still, the majority of the farmers in this area persisted in making the best of their situations. In the winter, the men often worked in the bush at lumber camps while their wives operated the farms.

EARLY LUMBERING

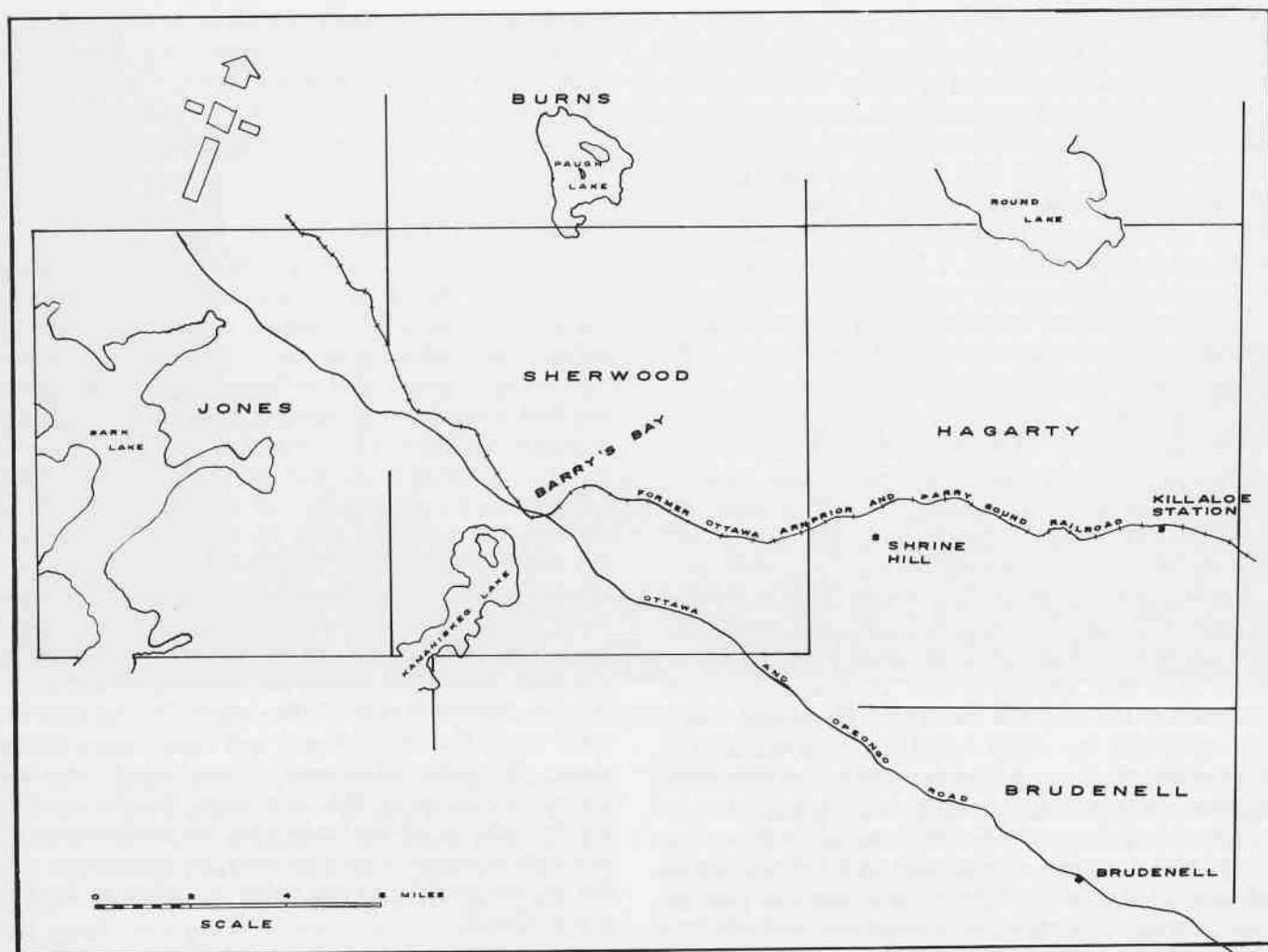
Lumbering was an early activity in the area around Barry's Bay. Many lumbering companies purchased timber limits which gave them the right to cut down trees within those limits. On January 19, 1859, Hugh McLachlin wrote a letter dated at 'Barey's Bay' to his father. The McLachlin firm was based in Arnprior and Hugh was writing to his father concerning confusion over some of the lines in the area, and was asking his father to determine which line was the correct one. Hugh referred to one line that dated back four years and another one that was older. These lines were important since they determined where the timber limits were located, and several firms had timber limits in the area. McLachlin Brothers obviously had timber limits in the Barry's Bay area by that time; other firms mentioned in the letter were Egan, John McDonald, Ronald McDonald, while reference was made to McGilvary's shanty and some limits located above the Little Madawaska River which has now become known as the Sherwood River. Besides purchasing the rights to timber limits from the government, the lumbermen would sometimes work out agreements with the pioneer settlers for the rights to timber on the free grants of land.



Bishop Ryan Visiting Lumber Camps

SHERWOOD TOWNSHIP

In August 1861, Alfred Guy Forrest, a Provincial Land Surveyor, arrived to survey the township of Sherwood, and he completed that project in March 1862. He referred to the long bay as 'Barries Bay' and commented on the soil in the area, the various lakes and types of fish in



St. Lawrence's Was A Mission To Brudenell And Later Killaloe

them, and land formations. Although the soil along the Opeongo Road was generally inferior, nevertheless there were settlers struggling to work the land. A.G. Forrest also recommended that the head of Barry's Bay be considered as a suitable location for a town since it was centrally located in the township, was on the Opeongo Road and had the advantage of water communication. This recommendation eventually came to pass. Sherwood Township was named after Henry Sherwood (1807-1855) who was a judge, Solicitor-General of Canada and Attorney General.

THE RAILROAD

Lumbering was one of the major reasons for constructing the Opeongo Road, and it was lumbering that caused another important change in the Madawaska Valley — the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railroad. J.R. Booth was a powerful lumberman who had many timber limits in the area; he was interested in seeing a railroad stretch from Ottawa to Parry Sound to serve his interests. After all, rail, instead of water, was now the mode employed by lumbermen almost everywhere, to transport timber. Barry's Bay was one of the locations selected to have a railroad station, and this contributed immeasurably to the growth of the village. On the other hand, a

thriving place like Brudenell, not being along the train route, started to decline. The railroad to Barry's Bay opened for service on September 24, 1894. It was not until December 21, 1896, however, that officials made the first train trip from Ottawa right through to Parry Sound. In 1899 the O.A. & P.S. was consolidated into the Canada Atlantic, which in turn was sold on January 1, 1905 to the Grand Trunk. The Canadian National Railway took over in 1923. This service would not see any one hundredth anniversary though. Once the booming lumber days ended, and roads improved, with trucks doing much of the transportation, Canadian National ceased operations to Barry's Bay. The last passenger service was on June 30, 1961, while its last delivery took place in January 1982.

CENSUS OF 1851 AND 1861

A census of the population of the country was taken in 1851 and again in 1861. Although most townships of Renfrew County were included, the area that became known as Sherwood Township was not. For the 1851 census, very few settlers would be in the region. Probably the area was too remote and too sparsely populated to make it worthwhile for an enumerator to visit. For the 1861

census, some local Polish names are listed under Nipissing District — this was probably unorganized territory which would eventually become Sherwood Township. The majority of the people in the census were lumbermen. Those of Irish or French descent and of the Roman Catholic religion were the families of James and Matilda Darragh, Carrol and Ann Sullivan, George and Mary Conway, James and Mary Dermody, Baptiste and Agnes Vallieres. None of these families seem to have remained in the area. One Nipissing return consisted of over 800 lumbermen, working along the Bonnechere, Petawawa and Indian Rivers.

CENSUS OF 1871

Once again, for the 1871 census, Sherwood Township was included under the District of Nipissing, in a division referred to as Madawaska East. In some instances, there were marginal inscriptions indicating 'Sherwood Township, Renfrew County'. There were very few households of Catholic background that were not Polish in this combination of Renfrew County and Nipissing District. There were 81 households, but some of them were lumbering shanties. The following families were listed as Irish and Catholic: Thomas and Catharine Coughlin, Michael and Margaret Conway, Charles and Sarah Kitts (possibly brother and sister), Mary Murray (widow), Francis and Emily Green. Enumerator William O'Donnell listed a majority of Polish settlers among the inhabitants. Additionally, there were some families of French and Catholic background in the area: Anthony and Louisa Parisien, Vincent and Margaret Dupuis, William and Elizabeth Ladouceur, Pierre and Julia Dupuis, Ferdinand and Philomene Offrage. The enumerator listed 11 lumbering shanties and noted that almost 300 men were working away from the shanties and therefore not named in the census. The enumerator also commented that there was no school and no doctor in the area.

CENSUS OF 1881

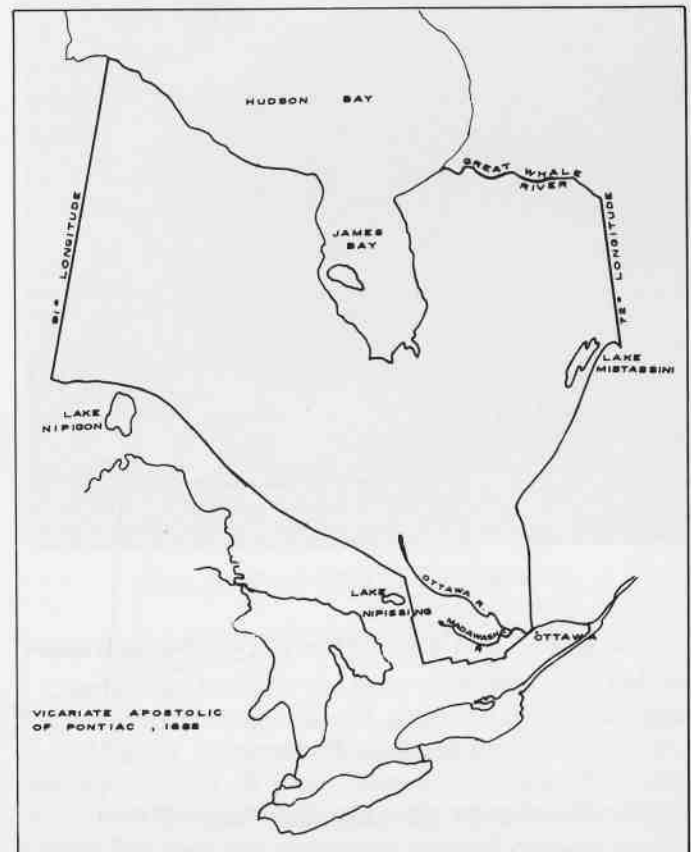
Seventy-five families were listed in the townships of Sherwood, Richards and Burns, which were grouped together for the 1881 census. The enumerator was Thomas Roche who was not included as an inhabitant of one of the three townships. The following families seem to be of Irish and Catholic background for the local area: Martin and Mary Daly, James and Hanora Murray, Mary Murray (widow), Charles and Rose Ann Kitts. The enumerator listed 7 lumbering shanties and reported that almost 100 lumbermen were away from the shanties, working in the bush, at enumeration time. For 1881, Jones Township, combined with Hagarty Township, contained the following: Michael and Mary Conway, Antoine and Mary Parisien, Peter and Julia Dupuis, Michel and Ellen Peshea, Vincent and Margaret Dupuis, Oliver and Christina Parisien.

DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

The Diocese of Bytown came into being on June 25, 1847. This diocese then included all the parts that make up the present Diocese of Pembroke. The Ontario parts had previously belonged to the Diocese of Kingston while the Quebec parts had previously belonged to the Diocese of Montreal. On June 12, 1860, the Diocese of Bytown changed its name to the Diocese of Ottawa. Bishop Joseph Eugene Bruno Guigues, O.M.I., was the first bishop, serving from 1847 to 1874, while Bishop Joseph Thomas Duhamel was in charge from 1874 to 1909.

VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF PONTIAC (1882-1898)

The Vicariate Apostolic of Pontiac was created by a decree dated July 11, 1882, by Pope Leo XIII. The Vicariate comprised the County of Pontiac, the County of Renfrew, the northern townships of the County of Frontenac, Addington and Hastings, sixteen townships in the County of Haliburton, and a part of Haliburton, as well as all the territory included between the height of land, on the south, the Hudson Bay, James Bay, and the Great Whale River, as far as Lake Apiokacumish on the north, the 91st degree of longitude on the west and the 72nd degree on the east. N.Z. Lorrain, nominated on July 14, was consecrated as Bishop of the Vicariate Apostolic of Pontiac on September 21, 1882.



Vicariate Apostolic Of Pontiac (1882-1898)

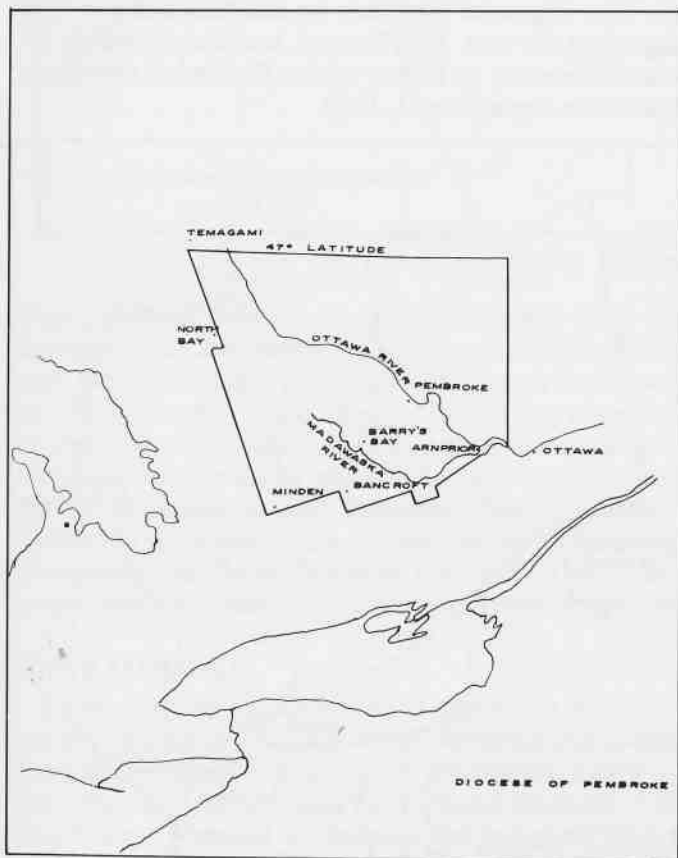
DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE (SINCE 1898)

Sixteen years later, on May 4, 1898, the Vicariate Apostolic of Pontiac was raised to the Diocese of Pembroke. Once again, Pope Leo XIII named N.Z. Lorrain as the first Bishop of this new diocese, on May 6, 1898. The change meant that the diocese was no longer missionary in character but was now considered to be a sufficiently organized territory. The limits of the new diocese remained the same except for one exchange — the mission of Long Lake, situated north of Lake Superior would fall under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Peterborough, while the Lake Timagami mission, situated west of Lake Temiskaming, would become the responsibility of the Diocese of Pembroke. At this time, the diocese contained 33 churches, 37 chapels, 4 convents, 3 hospitals, 24 parishes, 33 missions, 36 priests and a Catholic population of about 40,000.

On September 21, 1908, there was a further change, a reduction in the Diocese of Pembroke, when the Vicariate Apostolic of Temiskaming was formed.

Finally, a few minor changes, for the sake of convenience, were agreed upon by the bishops of Pembroke, Peterborough and Sault Ste Marie; these changes were ratified by the Holy See on October 17, 1937.

children of Narcisse Lorrain and Sophie Goyer. Graduating from the College of Ste-Thérèse and the University of Laval in 1864, he was ordained on August 4, 1867, in Montreal by Bishop Bourget; he was professor and assistant director of Ste-Thérèse College from 1867 to 1869. Then Father Lorrain became a parish priest at Bedford, New York, from 1869 to 1880, but returned to Montreal as the diocese's vicar-general from 1880 to 1882. In 1882, he was consecrated Titular Bishop of Cythere and presided over the newly formed Vicariate Apostolic of Pontiac, and finally in 1898 was consecrated Bishop of Pembroke when the Diocese of Pembroke was created. Bishop Lorrain was of a mild and kindly disposition and always had sympathy for the sick and afflicted. A man of profound learning and fine oratorical abilities, Bishop Lorrain remained on terms of friendship with all people. Catholics and non-Catholics alike hung out flags in his honour at the time of his installation as first Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. Bishop Lorrain travelled many thousands of kilometres, sometimes in a birchbark canoe, to visit all parts of his diocese, including such missions as Longlac, Abitibi, Albany, St. Maurice and Rupert. Bishop Lorrain died in the Pembroke General Hospital on December 18, 1915, and was interred in the Cathedral Crypt.



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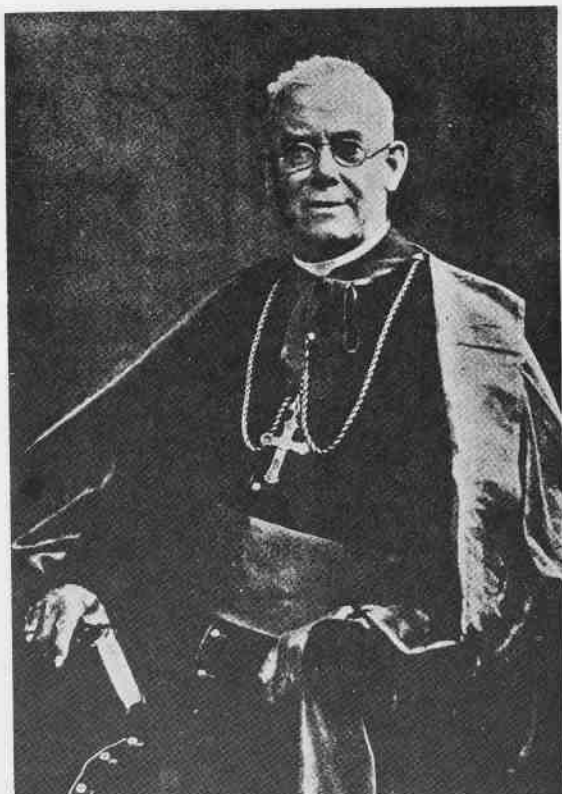
Bishop N. Z. Lorrain

FIRST BISHOP OF PEMBROKE (1898-1915)

The first Bishop of the Pembroke Diocese was Right Reverend Narcisse Zephirin Lorrain. He was born at St-Martin, Quebec, on June 3, 1842, the eldest of seven

SECOND BISHOP OF PEMBROKE (1916-1937)

Patrick Thomas Ryan was born on December 5, 1864, in an army barracks at Curragh camp, County Kildare, Ireland, where his father was a corporal in the British



Most Reverend Patrick Thomas Ryan

army. His parents were John Ryan and Mary Ellen Allen. After a brief stay in London, England, the family emigrated to Canada in 1870 and settled in Pembroke. After going to Pembroke schools, he attended the University of Ottawa and then the Montreal Seminary. P.T. Ryan's ordination took place on December 21, 1887, in Pembroke, with Bishop Lorrain officiating; this was Bishop Lorrain's first ordination. After serving as secretary to the Bishop, Father Ryan was assigned a pastorate at Mount St. Patrick in 1891, and next went to St. Francis Xavier's, Renfrew, in 1893. Bishop Lorrain's health was failing and Father Ryan was named Bishop of Clazomene and Auxiliary Bishop of Pembroke on May 5, 1912, and consecrated on July 25, 1912. Bishop Ryan was named the successor of Bishop Lorrain on August 7, 1916, and formally installed on December 21, 1916. To meet the wishes of Bishop Ryan, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Peterborough Community established a Mother House at Pembroke on August 25, 1921, to serve the needs of the diocese. In June 1932, Bishop Ryan was accompanied by several priests, including Fr. J.J. Hogan of Brudenell and Fr. M.S. McNamara of Killaloe, on a trip to Ireland; a Eucharistic Congress was being held in Dublin. Recognized as an able leader and administrator, Bishop Ryan remained modest and unpretentious. As a young priest, Bishop Ryan had learned Polish and actually used it to minister to the Polish people of his diocese; as well, he was fluent in French. A brother, Reverend John Ryan, was a hospital chaplain in Pembroke; Mrs. Martin McDonald of Renfrew was a sister. Bishop Ryan died on April 15, 1937, and was interred in the Cathedral Crypt.



Fr. M. S. McNamara In Ireland

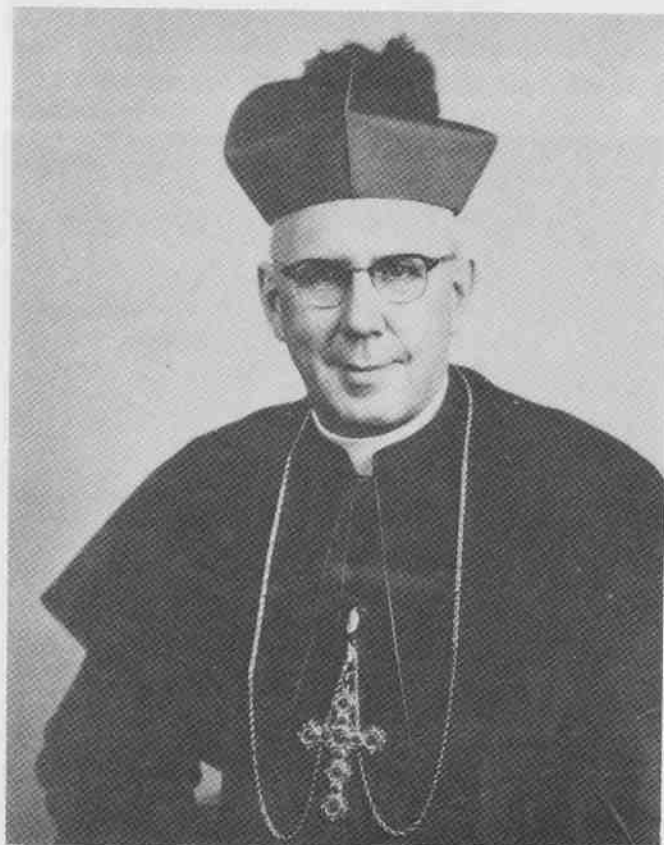


Most Reverend Charles Leo Nelligan

THIRD BISHOP OF PEMBROKE (1937-1945)

Charles Leo Nelligan was born on August 19, 1894, in Tignish, Prince Edward Island, a son of John M. Nelligan and Margaret Harper; other children were Wenceslaus, Michael, Francis, William, Mary Jane, Margaret, Viola, Alma and Patricia. Ordained to the priesthood in 1925, Father Nelligan was serving in western Canada in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alberta, when he was nominated as Bishop of Pembroke on August 16, 1937,

being consecrated on October 28, 1937. Following the outbreak of war, he was appointed Chaplain General of the Canadian Armed Forces on September 20, 1939. Bishop Nelligan had a desire to do something special in honour of St. Ann in this diocese, and on July 16, 1939, a Shrine to St. Ann was blessed at Cormac, which has resulted in annual diocesan pilgrimages to this location ever since. Overwork and ill health caused Bishop Nelligan to resign his position on May 18, 1945. In later years, Bishop Nelligan lectured at the University of Windsor which was under the direction of the Basilian Fathers. He was a popular professor at the university, and was a gifted after-dinner speaker. Bishop Nelligan died in London, Ontario, on March 31, 1974, at the age of 79. The funeral Mass was held in Windsor.

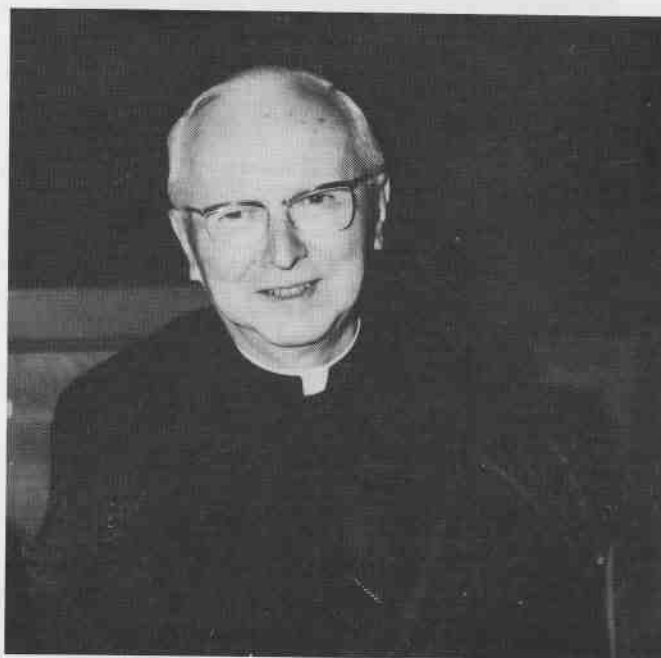


Most Reverend William Joseph Smith

FOURTH BISHOP OF PEMBROKE (1945-1971)

William Joseph Smith was born at Greenfield, in the Diocese of Alexandria, on January 2, 1897, a son of Duncan Smith and Catherine Grant. Educated at the University of Ottawa, St. Augustine's Seminary and the Grand Seminary, Father William Smith was ordained in St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria on June 16, 1927. He was attached to St. Finnan's where he acted as secretary to the bishop. In 1932, Fr. Smith attended the Pontifical Institute Angelicum in Rome, obtaining a doctorate in Canon Law in 1935. Upon his return, he was appointed chancellor of the diocese, and named rector of the Cathedral in 1940. He was named a domestic prelate on July 19, 1943, becoming pastor of St. Columban's in Cornwall

on October 1, 1944. Nominated as Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke on May 19, 1945, Bishop Smith was consecrated in Alexandria on July 25, 1945, with the ceremonies of installation taking place in Pembroke on August 8, 1945. Bishop Smith identified himself with the community efforts of Pembroke, such as the building of the new General Hospital and a home for the aged. Bishop Smith took great interest in sports and often attended hockey games. Bishop Smith retired on February 15, 1971, in his 75th year; he continues to reside at the Cathedral.



Bishop J. R. Windle

FIFTH BISHOP OF PEMBROKE (SINCE 1971)

Joseph Raymond Windle was born in Ashdad on August 28, 1917, a son of James Windle and Bridget Scolard. Ordained in Calabogie on May 16, 1943, Father Windle served as assistant at Saint Ann's in Mattawa for seven years. After going to Rome in 1950 to take post-graduate studies in canon law, Fr. Windle returned to Pembroke and served as Bishop Smith's secretary and vice-chancellor. He was appointed parish priest of St. John the Evangelist in Campbell's Bay in June 1958. On November 24, 1960, Fr. Windle was nominated as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa as titular Bishop of Uzita and parish priest of St. Patrick's, Ottawa; he was consecrated on January 18, 1961, in the Basilica at Ottawa. Then, on January 23, 1969, Bishop Windle was named Coadjutor Bishop of Pembroke, assuming the position of Bishop upon Bishop Smith's retirement on February 15, 1971.

THE BEGINNING

When this area started to open up with lumbermen and settlers, there were very few families initially. By the 1860s, Polish Catholics were in the majority and were

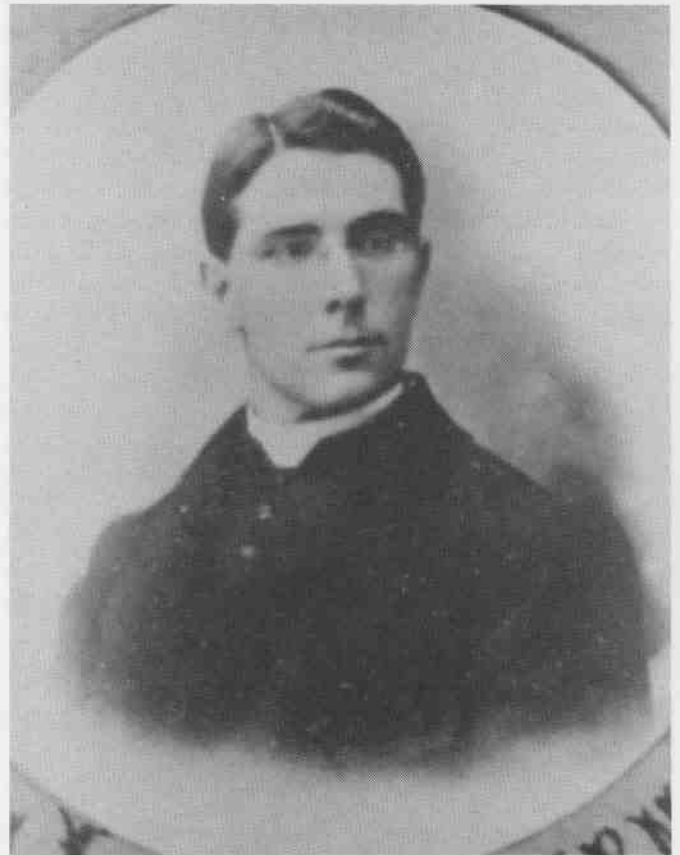


St. Stanislaus Kostka, Wilno



Church Of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin - Siberia

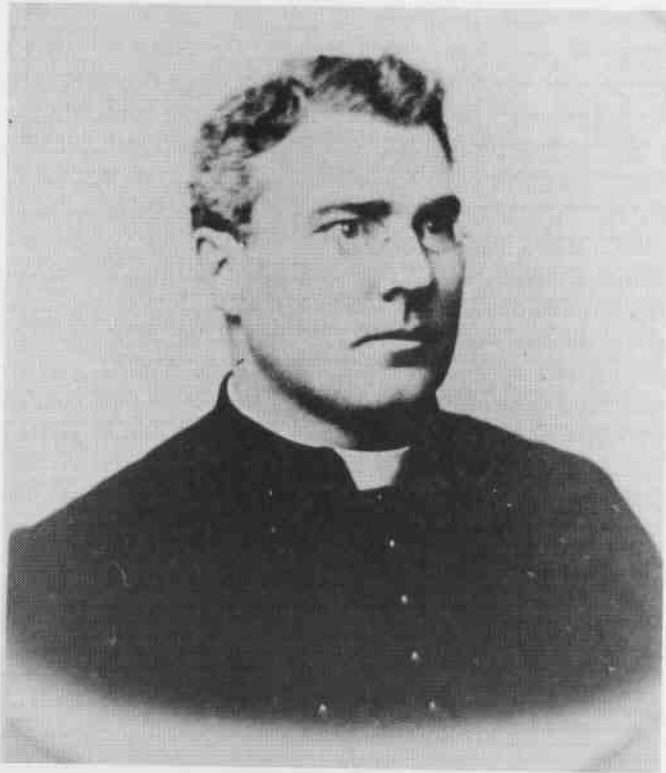
striving to form their own church. To consider the beginnings of what was to become St. Lawrence O'Toole's parish, one must look at the number of Irish and French Catholics. The 1861 census listed only five such families while the 1871 and 1881 returns each listed ten. Clearly, there were not enough families yet to warrant a church. By the time the railroad came through to Barry's Bay in 1894, there were many more people and businesses. When a missionary priest would come periodically to this region, Mass would be said at Henry George's general store. People also travelled to Wilno for Mass and the sacraments after a church, St. Stanislaus Kostka, was established there in 1875. Prior to that, it was necessary to travel to Brudenell. When the Polish people of Barry's Bay built the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin in 1896, then there was a closer facility for the local people.



Rev. J. J. McInerney, Assistant Priest

MISSION OF BRUDENELL (UNTIL 1901)

There is not a point in time when it is known that Barry's Bay came under the care of St. Mary's of Brudenell. In the time when Mass was said by a Brudenell priest in Henry George's store, Barry's Bay would be considered as a station to Brudenell. At that point, Father James McCormac was parish priest at Brudenell. During Fr. McCormac's pastorship, discussions of building a church at Barry's Bay were undoubtedly initiated. Fr. F.L. French became a pastor when Fr. McCormac died in March 1896, and Fr. J.J. McInerney was appointed assistant



Rev. P.S. Dowdall (1855-1927)

priest in December 1896. Fr. M.J. O'Brien became the assistant in 1900, followed by Fr. John Ryan in 1901, and Fr. I.A. French later in 1901.

On April 28, 1896, Bishop Lorrain, accompanied by Fr. French came by train from Pembroke to select a site for a chapel. In January 1897, Fr. French started raising funds for the building of a chapel at Barry's Bay and also for one at Killaloe. For example, concerts and picnics were held to help raise money; in one instance, a draw for a gold watch resulted in a gain of \$300 to be used towards the two chapels. By August 1897, a site at Barry's Bay was still being considered with the assistance of architect L. Joseph Fauteux of St-Benoît, Quebec. Finally, on October

8, 1897, the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Pontiac purchased 'one and one-half acres' from the Crown for \$5.

The original description was Part of Lot Number 183, Range B North of the Opeongo Road, Township of Sherwood; today, the address is 40 Opeongo Line, Barry's Bay. It was an important occasion for Barry's Bay on Tuesday, September 27, 1898, when Bishop Lorrain blessed the new chapel that was constructed on the site by Robert and James Devine of Killaloe. Father Patrick Sylvester Dowdall (1855-1927), parish priest of Eganville, preached the sermon at the Mass. The parish records of Brudenell described the occasion as follows:

Act of the Blessing of Barry's Bay Chapel

On this twenty-seventh day of September, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the chapel of Barry's Bay a frame building, twenty-seven feet in width and forty-seven feet in length, was solemnly blessed and dedicated to St. Lawrence O'Toole, martyr, archbishop of Dublin, by the Right Reverend Narcisse Zephirin Lorrain, Bishop of Pembroke, in the presence of the following priests for the diocese: Rev. A. Chaine P.P. Arnprior, Rev. P.S. Dowdall P.P. Eganville, Rev. J.O. Barrette P.P. Maynooth, Rev. P.T. Ryan P.P. Renfrew, Rev. R.J. McEachen P.P. Mt. St. Patrick, Rev. B. Jankowski P.P. Wilno, Rev. F.L. French P.P. Brudenell, Rev. J.J. McInerney Curate Brudenell, Rev. I.A. French Secretary Pembroke, and a number of the faithful, some of whom have signed with us.

This chapel was built by Robert and James Devine, contractors, Killaloe.

N.Z. Lorrain, Bishop of Pembroke.

The register was signed by Joseph Letang, Frank Stafford and Henry George. St. Lawrence O'Toole remained a mission of Brudenell until October 1901, having been served by two pastors, Rev. James McCormac and Rev. F.L. French.

PARISH PRIESTS FOR ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S

Priest	Born	Ordained	Died
James McCormac (to 1896)	October 4, 1843	June 28, 1867	March 19, 1896
Francis Lawrence French (1896-1901)	September 5, 1868	December 22, 1894	February 1, 1936
Isaiah Alexis French (1901-1914)	July 17, 1870	December 19, 1896	December 5, 1943
Archibald Joseph Reynolds (1914-1930)	July 15, 1882	February 24, 1911	July 10, 1930
Daniel Joseph Breen (1930-1934)	April 15, 1886	August 15, 1914	September 3, 1971
Martin Stephen McNamara (1934-1958)	December 26, 1899	May 29, 1926	November 18, 1958
John Joseph Hogan (1958-1961)	December 5, 1889	August 15, 1918	September 30, 1961
John Kenneth O'Brien (1961-1971)	June 17, 1904	June 14, 1931	January 16, 1985
Donald David Donahue (1971-1972)	May 13, 1923	June 11, 1949	June 26, 1976
John Edward Green (1972 on)	March 23, 1929	May 31, 1956	



Rev. James McCormac (1843-1896)

**FIRST PARISH PRIEST OF BRUDENELL
(1867-1896)**

James McCormac was born on October 4, 1843, at Ballawana, County Limerick, Ireland. On June 28, 1867, he was ordained to the priesthood by Dr. Moriarity, Bishop of Kerry. He left Ireland almost immediately and came to Canada. He joined his brother, Reverend John McCormac, at Mount St. Patrick. Father John McCormac later drowned while fishing, possibly having an epileptic seizure, on June 4, 1874. Although Father James assisted his brother at Mount St. Patrick, he was appointed as the first parish priest of Brudenell on November 1, 1867. First he completed a presbytery which had already been started, and in 1871 began the building of a new church. Later, in 1891, he also had a church, St. Ann, built at Cormac, a community that is named after him. He also completed a chapel at Maynooth. In 1883, Fr. McCormac lost a team of horses by drowning. His friends raised \$600 so that he could purchase another team. Fr. McCormac was especially fond of children and he made it a point to have the foundation of a good Christian character laid early in life. He had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected although it was met with feelings of sorrow. Fr. McCormac died at age 52 on March 19, 1896, the Feast of St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death, and was buried at Brudenell.

**SECOND PARISH PRIEST OF BRUDENELL
(1867-1896)**

Francis Lawrence French was born in Renfrew on September 5, 1868, a son of Francis French and Mary McKean. His grandparents, Francis and Ellen French, from Castlebar and Cosmolina respectively, came from County Mayo, Ireland, to Canada in 1843. The grandfather was one of Father Theobald Mathew's temperance flock who took a pledge of total abstinence from liquor. Frank French attended the University of Ottawa and then the Grand Seminary in Montreal. F.L. French was ordained on December 22, 1894, at St. James' Cathedral, Montreal, celebrating his first Mass in Renfrew the following day. Appointed as an assistant at Mount St. Patrick, Fr. French was assigned to Brudenell in January 1896 to assist Fr. James McCormac whose health was failing. Upon Fr. McCormac's death on March 19, 1896, Fr. F.L. French became the parish priest on the 25th and carried out the construction of a chapel at Barry's Bay by 1898. Also, under Fr. French, churches were built at Killoe, Latchford Bridge and Combermere. Fr. Frank remained at Brudenell until January 11, 1914, when he became parish priest at St. Francis Xavier's in Renfrew. He served as one of the best and most esteemed of Canada's chaplains from his appointment on February 16, 1916 until February 14, 1919, in France and Belgium.



*Hon. Lt. Col. F.L. French, Rev. F.L. French (1868-1936)
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during the Great War. As wounded soldiers came down from the front, the chaplain's job was to find out the Catholics among them and administer the sacraments to those in danger. For those who died, there would be a burial service and letters sent home to relatives and friends. On Sundays, Fr. French would say Mass for his division; when circumstances permitted, a mission would be offered for the men. On March 6, 1917, Fr. F.L. French was promoted to Major, a position which placed him in charge of all chaplains; on October 10, 1917, he was made Lieutenant-Colonel; on May 5, 1918, Fr. French was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, which he received from His Majesty King George before his departure from England to Canada. Fr. French had been at various places during the war, including the Somme, Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. On February 15, 1924, Monsignor French was invested as an Honorary Prelate of the Catholic hierarchy. Returning from a trip to the Holy Land, Monsignor French was in ill health and suffered a heart attack. When Right Reverend F.L. French died on February 1, 1936, business in Renfrew was at a standstill for his funeral at St. Francis Xavier

Church. Practically every priest in the Pembroke Diocese was present; nine other dioceses were represented as well as war veterans, members of the Protestant clergy and many others. Much of his \$30,000 estate went to his parish, the diocese, Pembroke hospital and Renfrew school.

MISSION OF KILLALOE (1901-1934)

On October 26, 1901, Killaloe became a parish, St. Andrew's, and assumed the missions of Barry's Bay, Round Lake and Basin Depot. Its first parish priest was Father I.A. French. Fr. I.A. French continued where his brother Fr. F.L. French had left off in Barry's Bay. Father Frank had constructed a chapel approximately 14 metres by 8 metres ('47 feet by 27 feet'). Father Isaiah had this chapel moved further back on the lot and in its place had a new church built, approximately 23 metres by 10 metres ('75 feet by 32 feet'). Now the chapel became the sanctuary of the new church. Bishop N.Z. Lorrain blessed the cornerstone of this new church on July 22, 1906; he then returned to bless the church itself on January 20, 1907. Once again, as in 1898, Rev. P.S. Dowdall of Egan-



St. Lawrence O'Toole (1906)



Interior Of St. Lawrence's

ville preached the sermon, a thoughtful sermon on the creation of the Church by Jesus Christ, its divine mission and its heaven-given claims to the obedience of the world.

The church, costing about \$5000, was a frame building, crowned by a spire rising 21 metres ('seventy feet') from the ground. The chapel was moved to the rear by Peter Dooling of Douglas; the masons were Daniel J. Flynn of Eganville and Alfred Turner of Killaloe, while the carpenters were Fred Morlock of Eganville, Stephen E. Smith of Barry's Bay and A. Kosmack. George McArthur of Renfrew ironed the spire and placed the furnaces. John Kilgore was the plasterer and the painting was done by T.X. Renaud's men under the supervision of Mr. Thurburn.

In spite of stormy weather, a large congregation was present for the blessing; the choir was conducted by Joseph Letang. A general collection taken up on the occasion amounted to over \$200. As well, beautiful statues and vestments were donated for the new church. The bishop had arrived by train on Saturday and was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry George. In addition to Masses on Sunday and Monday, the bishop visited the Separate School and had a tour of the turpentine factory. As on his arrival, many parishioners were at the station to say goodbye to Bishop Lorrain on Monday afternoon.

On another momentous occasion, on June 28, 1907, the Redemptorist priests blessed and erected a mission cross in St. Lawrence's Church and another one in the

cemetery. The cross that was installed in the church is still present in today's church; it has been painted gold and hangs on the wall behind the altar.

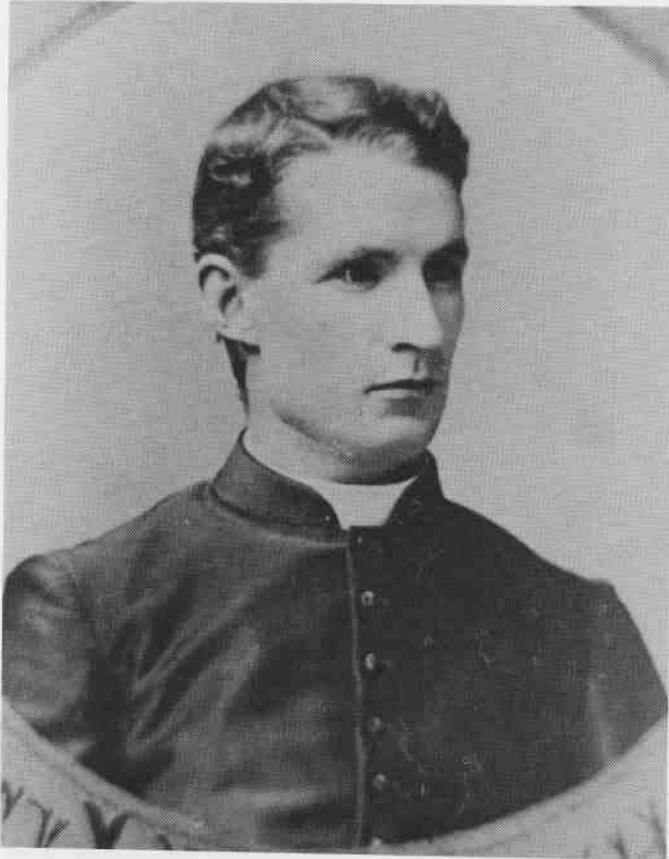
In September 1907, collections were taken up in all parishes on the occasion of Bishop Lorrain's 25th anniversary as a bishop. The proceeds were for the Bishop Lorrain Jubilee Memorial Wing at the Pembroke General Hospital. Donations were recorded at St. Lawrence O'Toole's by the following: John Billings Jr., Henry Chapieski, Mrs. M. Conlon, Michael Conway, Nicholas Conway, Thomas Conway, Martin Daly, Michael Dolan, John Dooner, James Drohan, Michael Dunnigan, Allan Etmanski, Henry George, William Kirwin, Charles Kitts, Joseph Letang, Leonard Letang, John Mahon, Richard Mahon, Mrs. C. McDonald, Charles Murray, Francis Murray, Mrs. J. Murray, James Murray Sr., Patrick Murray, Thomas Murray, Francis Retza, John Skebo, Stephen Smith, Francis Stafford, James Sullivan, Miss Teresa Whelan. In addition, several smaller unrecorded donations were made.

On two occasions, adjoining land was added to the property of St. Lawrence's. On November 14, 1910, land was purchased for \$200 from Martin and Margaret Daly. On December 21, 1912, land was purchased for \$1 from Stephen and Ellen Smith.

When Father I.A. French went to Eganville in July 1914, Father A.J. Reynolds took his place at St. An-

drew's. Fr. Reynolds made a small addition at the back of St. Lawrence's; this was a room to be used for the priest visiting Barry's Bay.

Upon Fr. Reynold's death on July 10, 1930, Fr. D.J. Breen was appointed as pastor at Killaloe with Fr. M.S. McNamara as curate. Four years later, St. Lawrence's ended its status as a mission when it was raised to a parish on July 1, 1934.

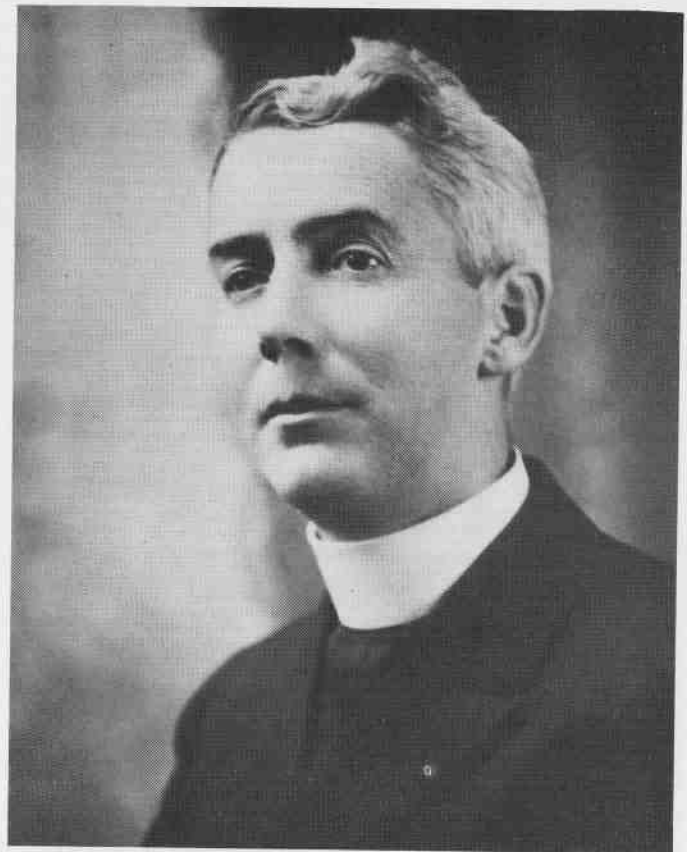


Rev. I.A. French (1870-1943)

FIRST PARISH PRIEST OF KILLALOE (1901-1914)

Isaiah Alexis French was born in Renfrew on July 17, 1870, one of seven children of Francis French and Mary McKean. Father Frank French was a brother; one sister, Anna, was in the Order of the Sisters of the Precious Blood while another member of the family, Michael, was a Christian Brother; besides a child who died in infancy, were Dr. Felix French and Mary Ellen (P.M. Dunne). Isaiah French received his early education in Renfrew and Almonte and went on to the University of Ottawa and then to the Grand Seminary, Montreal. He was ordained to the priesthood in Montreal on December 19, 1896. His first role was secretary to Bishop Lorrain. After three years, he became a curate at Douglas and then Brudenell. Finally on October 26, 1901, he became the first parish priest of St. Andrew's at Killaloe. Almost immediately he had a separate school built in 1902, and then a rectory in 1903, both at Killaloe. At Barry's Bay, a separ-

ate school was also built in 1902, followed by a new church in 1906. A new school was built in Killaloe after a fire destroyed the original building in 1912. On July 1, 1914 he was transferred to St. James' at Eganville. On September 6, 1938, Fr. French was honoured in a ceremony at Eganville with the title of Domestic Prelate. Right Reverend French enjoyed the respect and friendship of all; younger members of the clergy found in him a zealous advisor, and members of the laity sought his counsel in matters of material as well as spiritual well-being. Due to ill health, Monsignor French was forced to retire as parish priest in September 1940 and died in Pembroke on December 5, 1943, at the age of 73. Both Fr. F.L. French and Fr. I.A. French are buried at Renfrew.



Rev. A. J. Reynolds (1882-1930)

SECOND PARISH PRIEST OF KILLALOE (1914-1930)

Archibald Joseph Reynolds, a son of Bernard Reynolds and Jane Ring, was born on July 15, 1882, in Murchison Township, near Madawaska. His brothers and sisters were: Harry, John, James, Bernard, Rev. Sr. Archibald, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Edward O'Reilly. One of his teachers at Madawaska had been John Wesley Dafeo who later became editor of the Winnipeg Free Press. He attended the University of Ottawa and then the Grand Seminary at Montreal. It was necessary to withdraw from his studies for a while because of bad health and later completed his

course at Ste-Thérèse, Quebec. He was ordained a priest on February 24, 1911, in St. James' Church, Eganville, by Bishop Charles Hugh Gauthier of Ottawa; Bishop Lorrain was at Trois-Rivières for his health at the time. Father Reynolds said his first Mass in Eganville on Sunday. For three years he served as curate at St. Francis Xavier's in Renfrew under Father P.T. Ryan. Then on July 1, 1914, he replaced Father I.A. French as pastor of St. Andrew's at Killaloe. Father Reynolds was instrumental in building a convent at Killaloe for the Sisters of St. Joseph who came from Peterborough in 1915 to staff the separate school. Prior to this time, Douglas was the only location in the diocese where the Sisters of St. Joseph were helping out. The school was also enlarged to include senior levels.

In addition to being an able speaker, Fr. Reynolds was an ardent and tireless worker for the cause of religion and accomplished much for the welfare and advancement of his parish. Fr. Reynolds enjoyed travelling, and in May 1926 returned from a six-month absence in foreign parts. He visited France, Italy, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and Greece, among other countries, spending Holy Week in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. In Damascus, Fr. Reynolds was on a train that had bridges blown up behind it; bombs and shrapnel kept falling during his stay there.

Father A.J. Reynolds suffered a paralytic stroke while on an evening fishing outing at Round Lake on July 10, 1930, just days before his 48th birthday. Although his health had not been good for many years, news of his death still came as a shock to friends and parishioners. About 70 priests were present for the funeral which was so largely attended that, after all the standing room in the church was taken, scores of people were still left waiting outside. Rev. T.J. Sloan of Pembroke, who had preached the sermon on the occasion of Fr. Reynold's first High Mass, now delivered an eloquent and touching sermon based on the life, ideals and accomplishments of the deceased priest. Fr. Reynolds was accredited with possessing 'the gentleness of a John, the impetuosity of a Peter and the zeal of a Paul'. Fr. Reynolds was buried at Killaloe where he had served as pastor for 16 years.

THIRD PARISH PRIEST OF KILLALOE (1930-1947)

Daniel Joseph Breen was born in Bromley Township on April 15, 1886, a son of Patrick Thomas Breen and Margaret Bulger. After attending local schools, he went to Renfrew High School and then enrolled at the University of Ottawa. After studying theology at the Grand Seminary in Montreal, he was ordained on August 15, 1914, in his native parish church, St. Michael's at Douglas, by Rt. Rev. P.T. Ryan, Auxiliary Bishop of Pembroke. The following day, Fr. Breen said his first Mass at St. Michael's, receiving a substantial purse as a gift from the parish. His first appointment was as curate at St. James', Eganville, commencing on August 22, 1914. Other appointments as curate were on June 7, 1916, at St. John Chrysostom's in Arnprior, and then on August 7, 1917, at St. Alexander's



Rev. D.J. Breen (1886-1971)

in Wylie. On July 8, 1920, Fr. D.J. Breen was appointed as the first pastor of Corbeil. Fr. Breen had a rectory and a school erected in a short time. Being parish priest at Corbeil entailed visiting several stations and lumber camps as far as Timagami. In late 1929, Fr. Breen accompanied Bishop Ryan on an overseas trip to Rome. Then on July 20, 1930, Fr. D.J. Breen was appointed as successor to Fr. A.J. Reynolds at St. Andrew's in Killaloe. When the separate school was destroyed by fire in November 1935, the rectory and convent served as makeshift classrooms until a new school was completed in June 1936. After nearly 17 years at Killaloe, Father Dan retired from active duty and served as chaplain at the Pembroke General Hospital in January 1947. Fr. Breen also assisted at Mattawa starting on February 3, 1950, then at Chapleau on October 7, 1951, at St. Rita's in North Bay in September 1956 and finally at the Cathedral in Pembroke from August 1, 1958, until June 1, 1960. Fr. Breen moved to Marianhill in February 1968. On September 3, 1971, at the age of 85, Fr. D.J. Breen died in the Pembroke General Hospital where he had been confined since suffering a stroke in February. After a funeral Mass at Killaloe, the deceased priest was buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery on Allumette Island.

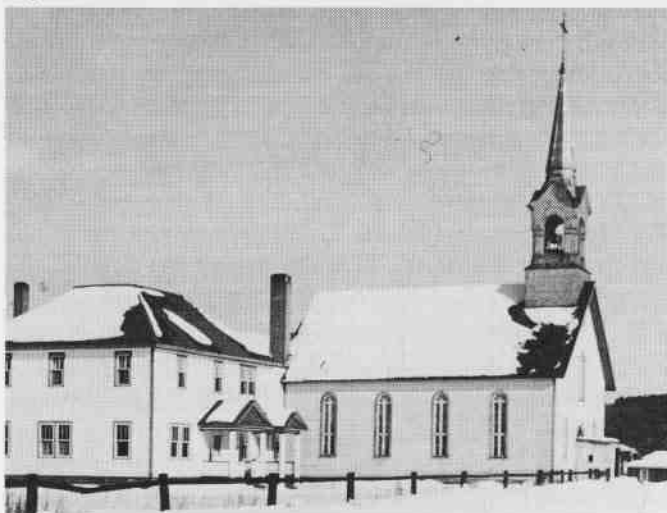
PARISH OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE, BARRY'S BAY (SINCE 1934)

On July 1, 1934, a very significant change occurred in Barry's Bay when St. Lawrence O'Toole's became a parish. Before this time, it was felt that there were not enough parishioners to warrant a resident priest. Now



St. Hedwig's Rectory And Church

there were reportedly thirty-five families. In the early days, the Polish people grouped together and formed their own church while the remaining Catholics, of predominantly Irish background, grouped together to form a second church. This resulted in the labelling of a 'Polish Church' and an 'Irish Church', terms which were used in a wholesale fashion years ago; even today, the terms might be heard, albeit rarely. On the surface it appears that St. Lawrence's consisted of non-Polish parishioners, but a closer look reveals that there have almost always been Polish parishioners as well as the expected families of Irish extraction plus some others. Today, this is even more true, with numerous Polish surnames among the Irish, mixed with surnames representing many different ethnic backgrounds. Most communities with two churches have a divisional line somewhere between the two churches. In Barry's Bay, however, regardless of where one lives, one is free to choose whichever church is preferred.



St. Lawrence O'Toole Rectory And Church

July 1, 1934, was much like any other Sunday previous. There was no bishop present to make official the change from mission to parish. Fr. D.J. Breen, the parish priest

of Killaloe was presented with a substantial purse as a gift from the parishioners in Barry's Bay. Regret was expressed at no longer belonging to Fr. Breen's parish, but on the other hand, everyone was now glad to have a priest in residence. The first parish priest was Rev. M.S. McNamara, formerly the curate at Killaloe. For ten years, Fr. McNamara lived at the back of the church in an upstairs room until an attached rectory and sacristy were built. The sacristy had an altar and chairs and was used when small crowds were in attendance such as for morning weekday Masses. Years later, the church was re-roofed in iron and slate siding was installed on the church and rectory.

In 1948 the parish had grown to 49 families with a population of 195 people. By 1950, the population had declined slightly to 190. In 1953 there were 61 families and 193 communicants. By 1965, there were 82 families. In 1984, there are 162 families containing 464 members.

When Fr. McNamara died on November 18, 1958, after 24 years as pastor, Fr. J.J. Hogan was appointed on December 13, 1958, but resigned at the age of 71 on April 8, 1961, because of ill health. Fr. J.K. O'Brien was appointed at that time. By now, many parishioners had felt that the present church was too small, lacked hall facilities and it did need extensive repairs, so much so, that retaining the original church was not deemed feasible. Fr. O'Brien moved quickly; in the space of 5 weeks since his appointment, a booklet on this topic was distributed to the parishioners. There were two reasons behind the up-coming canvass. An effort was being made to raise funds to provide a Catholic high school to serve the young people of Barry's Bay, Whitney, Madawaska and Wilno. Although enough money could have been raised to build the school, it would have been very difficult to continue with the annual costs of such a building; the idea of a Catholic high school was dropped. The second reason for the canvass was to encourage each wage-earning parishioner to pledge money towards the erection of a new Parish Church. As it turned out, through the generosity of the parishioners, the debt for the building of the church was paid off in 1970, after six years.

A committee, composed of Patrick Conway, Murray Daly, Charles Kitts, Casey Murray and M.J. Murray, spent almost a year investigating the various plans of church buildings.

Finally, when all the planning was done and all the decisions finalized, the rectory was torn down and construction of the new church began in its place in September 1963. The dimensions of the church itself were about 31 metres by 14 metres (101 feet by 45 feet) and a rectory was attached with a large hall in the basement, complete with stage and kitchen. This was one of the first modern churches in the diocese to be built with the implementation of the new liturgy. As a matter of fact, plans were changed regarding the altar as building was going on. Once again, through the generosity of parishioners, all furnishings in the church were donated, including the



St. Lawrence O'Toole's (New & Old)

bells, three altars, Communion rail, organ and Stations of the Cross.

The church records describe the blessing of the church in this way:

On this 6th day of June, 1965, Pentecost Sunday, we, the undersigned Bishop of Pembroke, have solemnly blessed and dedicated to the service of God, the new Parish Church of St. Lawrence O'Toole at Barry's Bay, at 3:30 p.m., amid a large concourse of priests of the Diocese of Pembroke and parishioners of the parish. We started the ceremonies by the blessing and dedication of the cornerstone. We also offered up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and addressed some words of congratulation to Pastor and Congregation. The official sermon for the occasion was given by Rev. Emmett J. Murray, a son of the parish. The Church is a splendid edifice and great credit is due all those who participated in the construction. Architect was Don Griffin of Pembroke and the contractor was Mr. Keetch of Killaloe. About 50 priests were in attendance and a splendid banquet was afterwards served, presided over by Mr. Paul Yakabuski, M.P.P. for South Renfrew.

William J. Smith, Bishop of Pembroke.

Although the cornerstone was laid and the church blessed on June 6, 1965, the church was ready earlier than that and was actually being used by Christmas 1964.

The exterior walls of the church and rectory are veneered in hard brick of copper shade and bark finish. The large roof of the church is shingled in asphalt and is angled forward at the apex as a protection for the front wall and large window there. The structure is crowned by an exposed tower of tubular steel surmounted by a cross in which are suspended three bells of various size, one above the other, with the smallest at the top. The bells are operated electrically.

The largest bell has engraved on its circumference the titular of the church — Saint Lawrence O'Toole. The medium-sized bell is likewise inscribed to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the topmost carries the engraving of the dedication to Saint Joseph. These bells were cast in one of the ancient foundries of Belgium and installed by Elderborst of Hyde Park, London, Ontario.

The main entrance to the church is on ground level and has a very practical canopy portico of considerable proportions. To the right, in the entry, is an exit from the basement hall and a stairway to the gallery. To the left is the children's room, which is done in panelled oak with a



St. Lawrence O'Toole's

plate glass window looking into the body of the church.

The floors throughout the church are terrazzo, done in grey and two-tone green by Banchini of Hull, Quebec. The pews in blanchéd oak are large, affording a seating capacity of 300 in the nave. Here, as well as elsewhere in the interior, the walls are completed in exposed brick and of the same shade as on the exterior. The Stations of the Cross appear to be sculptured figurines mounted on oak shelves affixed to these walls.

The frames and sashes of the windows in the nave and gallery are of red cedar. Glazing is of cathedral glass in varied colours. The large window in the choir loft, where seating for 30 choristers is available, is made in diagonal fashion, and the whole presents the Latin cross, the symbol of Christianity, colour accentuated in its traverse lines.

The roof of the church is supported by laminated wood arches whose supports are incorporated into the walls proper. The ceiling in between is in fluted pine and paint-

ed. The hanging light fixtures are cylinders of copper. The whole building, including the rectory and hall, is operated under one heating system.

On the sanctuary, the main altar is centred to meet liturgical requirements. The tale of the altar is of cream marble in one complete slab and the pedestals are joined by shaped metal work painted in deep green with the word PAX in gold, worked into the lattice. The altar holds the tabernacle in burnished brass and is bolted to the table. The low candlesticks and the cross are of hammered brass. The marble for the altars, the pulpit and the Communion railing were imported from Italy. The Communion railing and one small altar have been removed since then, while a public address system and carpeting have been added.

The large cross suspended on the wall behind the altar is made of oak with the corpus in gold. This is the cross brought to St. Lawrence's in 1907 by the Redemptorists.

The side walls of the sanctuary are given height by the



Interior Of St. Lawrence's

free-standing curved oak battens. The rear partition of light oak is enlivened by superimposed dark oak decorative strips in the form of connected crosses. Through the door to the left of the altar is the vestry and servers' room. The baptistry just off the vestry is entered from the passage that connects the church to the rectory. It is enclosed in light oak and grill work with a facade of multicoloured glass set in cedar frames.

Ventilation in the main building is controlled by an electric fan high in the apex of the rear wall. Two extra fans have since been installed high above the centre aisle and these electric fans are operated in the winter to circulate the heat better. There is also ample ventilation in the basement hall by similar means, although there are no windows. In this parish hall there is a modern kitchen and furnishings for banquets, as well as a stage for concerts, with a seating capacity of 400 in the hall.

The two-storey rectory, with an attached double garage, is of conventional design, with large picture windows on the south and west sides.

When Fr. O'Brien resigned as pastor on April 21, 1971,

after ten years of service at St. Lawrence O'Toole's, Father D.D. Donahue arrived as parish priest. On September 5, 1972, after 16 months, Fr. Donahue returned to Sheenboro, and was succeeded by Fr. J.E. Green. Twelve years later, Fr. Green led the parish in the celebration of its 50th anniversary.

PASTORAL VISITS

A visit from the bishop usually accomplished two things at once — a visit with the parishioners and a confirmation. Here is one such entry in the church records from 1943.

On Monday afternoon, May 24, 1943, we made our third Pastoral Visitation of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Barry's Bay, accompanied by Rev. Francis Rennick, and assisted by Very Rev. J.J. Hogan, Rev. W. Dwyer, and Rev. T.G. May. After the Solemn Entry which was held in the presence of a large number of parishioners, we examined the children in catechism and found that they had been quite well instructed. We then

confirmed 15 children (8 boys and 7 girls) and 1 adult (woman), and gave the children the pledge to the age of 21 years. We examined the parish books and found that they were well kept and in good order. We learn from the Pastor that the Parish has now \$8000.00 to its credit, invested in Government Bonds. This is indeed a very fine showing and places the Parish in a particularly good financial condition.

C.L. Nelligan, Bishop of Pembroke.

Another entry in the church register is dated 1959:

On this 13th day of October 1959, we, the undersigned Bishop of Pembroke, have conducted our Fifth Pastoral Visit of St. Lawrence O'Toole's Parish, Barry's Bay, accompanied by Rev. M.J. Barry, Chancellor. After the customary solemn entry at 3 p.m., we interrogated the children and found them bright and well instructed. We also addressed the Congregation present, on their duties of Family Life and the need of Vocations. We administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 20 boys and 15 girls and gave them the total abstinence pledge. After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayers for the Dead, we imparted the usual Episcopal Indulgence for 100 days. Present for the ceremonies besides the Pastor, Very Rev. J.J. Hogan, were Rev. J.M. Schruder P.P. of Killaloe, Rev. W.C. Dwyer P.P. of Madawaska, Rev. A.J. Maika P.P. of St. Hedwig's, Rev. M.J. Hass P.P. of Combermere and Rev. A.J. Pick Curate at St. Hedwig's.

Laudetur Jesus Christis et Maria Immaculata!

William J. Smith, Bishop of Pembroke.

The entry for 1973 is as follows:

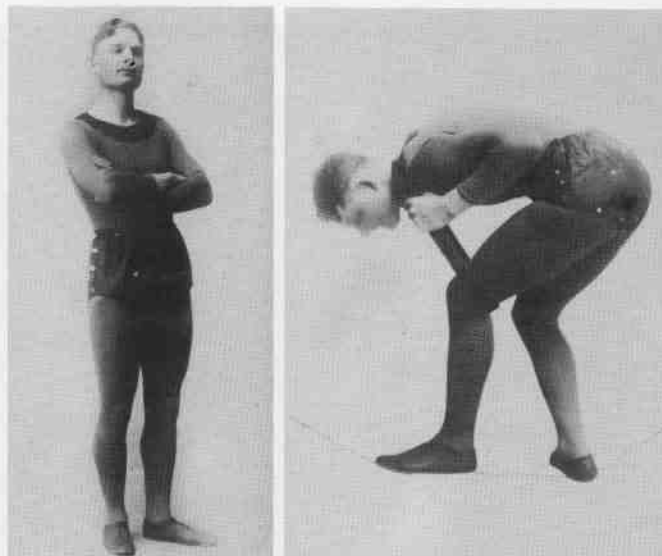
On this 13th and 14th days of October, 1973, we, the undersigned Bishop of Pembroke, conducted a week-end Pastoral Visitation to this parish. We offered Holy Mass on both days, and addressed the large assembly of people at all three Masses, stressing the message of the Holy Father to the people of the Diocese of Pembroke, and also urging all to enter into the spirit of the Holy Year. We prayed for Vocations, for the sick, and for the deceased. This is truly a fine parish, with lots of faith, and good people both old and young. We thank the parish priest, Father John E. Green for his great kindness, and also the former pastor, Reverend J.K. O'Brien. May God bless all.

J.R. Windle, Bishop of Pembroke.

ACTIVITIES

Many events, such as socials, picnics, bazaars, card parties and bingo games have been used to raise money to help the church. Usually items were donated and then offered as prizes in various games. These events then proved to be quite successful, both socially and financially.

A bazaar in October 1936 featured a major prize of \$25



"Marvellous Murray" Performed at Picnics

which was shared by Charles McLaughlin, Gordon Murray and John Sullivan. Also, Kenwood blankets were won by P. McCarthy of Killaloe, J. Conway and Charles McLaughlin, a large doll by Rev. I.A. French of Eganville, an oriental bedspread by Mrs. J. McCoy, a silk comforter by J. McCoy, and fancy cushions by William Doyle and Stella Nicholson.

In 1939, a series of card parties were held in the homes of participating parishioners during the winter. The series culminated with a card party in February where the winners at each table met and played off for a prize. A chest and blanket were won by Lorne Yakabuski on this occasion.

On June 28, 1942, a Strawberry Festival was held on the grounds of the old separate school, featuring games and sports. The main attraction on this day was a softball game between the girls of St. Lawrence's and the girls of St. Andrew's. The Barry's Bay team won in a close game with a final score of 10-9. Players for St. Lawrence's were: Doreen Conway, Marcella Sullivan, Vivian Kitts, Edna Kitts, Nora Walker, Genevieve Walker, Mary Murray, Margaret Serran, Teresa Conway and Maureen Murray. Afterwards a supper was served by the women of the parish with Mrs. Norman Walker, Mrs. M. Kelly, Clare Whelan and Sadie Jordan in charge of the tables. Several draws for prizes were made, including a Kenwood blanket won by Joseph O'Grady.

March 17th, being the feast of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, often resulted in a St. Patrick's Day Concert. In 1944, an evening concert was held at St. Hedwig's Hall. A play, 'Finnegan's Fortune' was presented that particular year and the cast included Dowdall Murray, Gwen Billings, John O'Malley, James Conway, James MacNamara, Mrs. James MacNamara and Bernice O'Grady. Between acts, musical numbers, choruses and drills were given. A tap dance by Bernice O'Grady and two vocal selections by Emmett Murray were heartily enjoyed. In 1959, when three performances of 'Light Eternal' were given, the cast consisted of Leonard Sullivan,



BACK: Rev. M.S. McNamara, Thomas Conway; MIDDLE: Genevieve Walker, Maureen Murray, Marcella Sullivan, Edna Kitts, Nora Walker; FRONT: Mary Murray, Irma Landon, Greg Sullivan, Margaret Serran, Teresa Conway.



The Barry's Bay Shamrocks

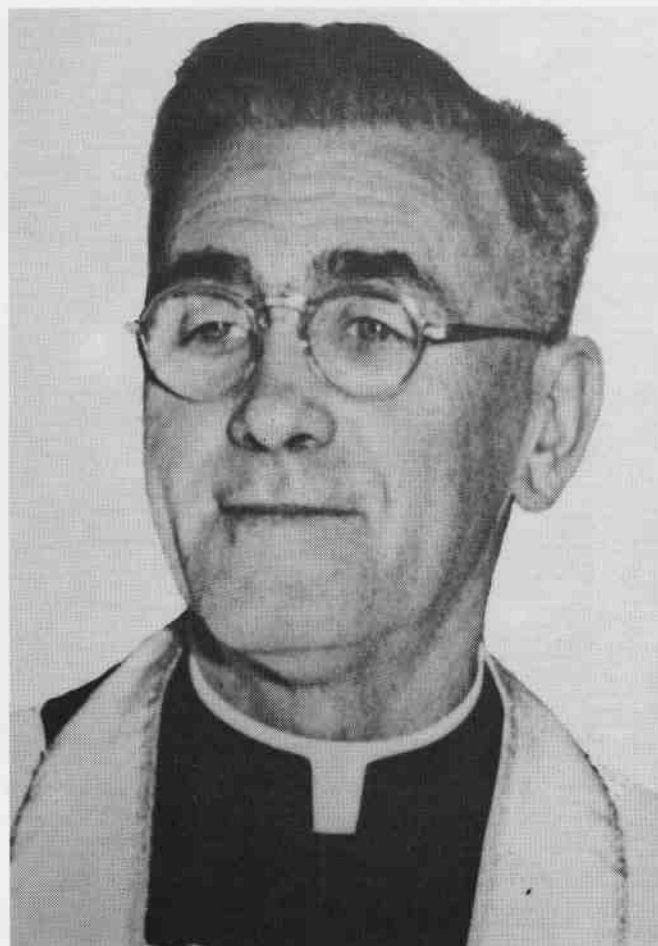
BACK: Bert Needham, John Cyra, Fred Armstong; MIDDLE: Gordon Watson, Michael Billings, Charles MacLaurin, Henry Chapeskie, John T. Drohan; FRONT: F. Lafranche, Joseph Drohan.

Jean Dwyer, Patricia Corrigan, Greg Conway, Mary Matusheskie, Danny Murray, Terrence Conway, Dowdall Murray and Donna Gall. Before and between the acts, the crowd was entertained by Mrs. J. Dunnigan at the piano with Doug MacIsaac and Jackie Conway on violin. Stepdancing was displayed by Joseph O'Grady, his daughter Mrs. Jack Billings, and his grandson Basil Billings. Other dancers were Fred St. Cyr of Eganville and Greg Conway, while other singers were Donald Murray and Mrs. Roy Woermke.

In the fall of 1944, a two-day bazaar was held in the school hall. Card games of Forty-Five and other games were well patronized and a generous lunch was served each evening at 10 o'clock. The following prizes were won: a luncheon set by Eddie Buderick of Jewellville, a dresser set by Matt Lahaie, five cords of wood by Mrs. Angus Etmanskie, a fancy quilt by D. Murray, a bedspread and Kenwood blankets by Thomas P. Murray, a bag of wheat by Hugh Costello of Brudenell, a prize rooster by Dowdall Murray, a blanket by Norman Walker, Kenwood blankets by Jack Beach of Killaloe and Horace Landon, a bag of potatoes by Rev. M.S. McNamara, a baby's knitted outfit by Raymond Mask, and bags of flour by Billie Roche of Killaloe, Harry O'Connor of Eganville, Michael Murray, Joseph Shalla, Norman Walker, Albert Burchat, Alex Chapeskie, Thomas O'Malley, Max Shalla, Eleanor Maika and Mrs. M. Acton.

FIRST PARISH PRIEST OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S (1934-1958)

Martin Stephen McNamara, a son of Thomas McNamara and Bridget O'Brien, was born on December 26, 1899, at Eganville. His brothers and sisters were Patrick, Andrew, Michael, Mary (Harold Munhall) and Anne (Edward Donovan). Educated at the Eganville separate school and for four years at St. Alexander's College, Ironsides, Quebec, he then studied theology for a further four years at the Grand Seminary, Montreal. Rev. M.S. McNamara was ordained by Bishop P.T. Ryan in St. James' Church on May 29, 1926, along with four other ecclesiastics, Alfred Harrington of Killaloe, Kenneth McDonald of Arnprior, Alban S. Rice of Douglas and Thomas Wingle of South Algona. The following day, Fr. McNamara said his first Mass in his home church; the sermon was preached by a relative, Rev. A.D. McCann, C.S.S.R. Following his ordination, Fr. McNamara was assigned as curate to Holy Name Parish in Pembroke. In September 1927, he was named assistant to Rev. J.J. Hogan at St. Alexander's parish at Wylie. The parishioners of Wylie and missions of Chalk River and Des Joachims were very disappointed when Fr. McNamara was named curate at Killaloe in June 1930. A large crowd honoured him at a farewell party; his charity and self sacrifice would long be remembered there. He was only at Killaloe for a month when the pastor, Rev. A.J. Reynolds, died, and Rev. D.J. Breen assumed the pastorship. When St. Lawrence O'Toole became a parish on July 1, 1934, Rev. M.S. McNamara was already well known,



Rev. M.S. McNamara (1899-1958)

having served the mission for the previous four years from Killaloe. Until a rectory was built ten years later, Rev. McNamara lived in an upstairs room at the back of the church. Ingeniously, he had fashioned an elevator-like contraption for hauling firewood from the first floor to his room on the second floor.

Active in sports as a youth, he continued this interest in later years as a coach of high school hockey teams. He also attended baseball games during the summer, recruiting children to return foul balls at five cents per ball.

Father Mac was also known for his speed at saying Mass, often starting Mass well before the appointed hour; a person arriving in time for Mass according to the clock would sometimes find himself walking in at the middle of Mass.

Father Mac also liked to see his altar boys in the sanctuary, whether they were actually serving the Mass or not; if he noticed altar boys sitting among the parishioners, he would stop saying Mass and order them to get into their soutanes and surplices and get up on the sanctuary where they belonged. Not only did the altar boys cause him to interrupt Mass, but if the choir was off-key, he would call out and let them know about it. Once, when the front door was left open for ventilation because of the summer heat, a dog wandered in while Mass was being said. Knowing all his parishioners and their pets, Father Mac



Rev. M.S. McNamara

looked at the owner and simply said: 'Get that dog out of here!'

Because of bad circulation in his legs, it was necessary for Fr. McNamara to have a foot amputated; this was not successful so more of the leg had to be amputated. Eventually the other leg also had to be operated on. This was very upsetting to Fr. McNamara, especially when it was necessary to lose part of his second leg. He was not going to be kept down though — from the hospital he telephoned a firm that made artificial limbs and asked them to come and see him immediately for a fitting. Nor would he stop saying Mass; he had an aluminum walker with four wheels that he used to get around. It also had a seat that could be lowered when he was not standing and wanted to sit down during certain parts of the Mass. Altar boys had to develop new strategies for assisting at Mass. It was now necessary to help Fr. Mac climb up the steps to the altar and to lift the walker up without making any undue commotion. Fr. Mac insisted on saying Mass and he insisted on not sitting down unless at the correct moment during the Mass. He also purchased a car equipped with hand controls so he remained as active as ever in his pursuit of serving his parish and his community. Fr. Thomas P. Kiely (1904-Feb. 2, 1971) had been the assistant priest for about half a year in 1952 while Fr. McNamara was in the hospital and recovering. Fr. McNamara died at the Ottawa General Hospital on Novem-



Rev. Thomas P. Kiely (1904 - 1971) - Assistant

ber 18, 1958, following an operation on an ulcerated stomach, a month before his 59th birthday. A Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem was chanted three days later at St. Lawrence O'Toole church where he had served for four years as curate from Killaloe and twenty-four years as pastor at Barry's Bay. He was buried at St. James' parish cemetery, Eganville.

SECOND PARISH PRIEST OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S (1958-1961)

John Joseph Hogan was born at Donegal on December 5, 1889, a son of John Hogan and Mary Deloughery. His brothers and sisters were Michael, Hugh, William, Mary (Mrs. Lynch), Catherine (Mrs. Walsh), Helen (Mrs. M. Gendron) and Julia (Rev. Sr. Aniceta). Fr. Hogan received his education at the Eganville separate school, the University of Ottawa, and finally the Grand Seminary in Montreal and St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. In his youth he enjoyed the game of baseball and had the reputation of being a good player. Fr. J.J. Hogan was ordained along with Fr. Desmond Drohan at their home church, St. James' of Eganville, on August 15, 1918, by Bishop P.T. Ryan. He was appointed as assistant at Saint Ann's in Mattawa.

On May 7, 1924, Fr. J.J. Hogan received his first appointment as parish priest; this was at St. Alexander's church at Wylie, which included the missions of Chalk River and Des Joachims. After Fr. Hogan's stay there, the Atomic Energy Plant was built and Wylie expanded rapidly becoming known as Deep River. Fr. Hogan was responsible for erecting a parish hall, thus creating a new unity and a better parochial spirit. Rev. M.S. McNamara



Rev. J.J. Hogan (1889-1961)



Rev. T. R. O'Connor - Interim Priest

was assistant priest for a two-year period by the time Fr. Hogan was named parish priest at St. Mary's, Brudenell, on September 15, 1929; he remained there for almost 17 years. While at Brudenell, he was named Dean of the Barry's Bay Deanery. On May 15, 1946, he moved to Quebec and became parish priest at St. Elizabeth of Hungary at Vinton. Here, Fr. Hogan embarked on an ambitious project of redecorating the church and restoring it to its original interior beauty. Very Rev. J.J. Hogan was honoured with a programme of Irish songs and music at a gathering when it was learned that he had been appointed pastor at St. John the Evangelist church in nearby Campbell's Bay in May 1954. While there, Fr. Hogan had a bilingual parish school erected, complete with auditorium. Next, Fr. Hogan was transferred to St. Edward the Confessor, Maryland, in May 1958, but was only there for a short time when Rev. M.S. McNamara's death resulted in his appointment at Barry's Bay on December 13, 1958. Fr. Thomas R. O'Connor had been placed in charge of St. Lawrence's in the interim. While in Quebec, Fr. Hogan had been appointed Dean of the Pontiac Deanery; now he was once again appointed Dean of Barry's Bay Deanery on January 5, 1959. Fr. Hogan was only at St. Lawrence's for a little over two years when ill health forced him to resign on April 8, 1961. In this short time he proved himself to be a kind and charitable priest and made many friends. He was the recipient of three purses, one from the parishioners, one from the Catholic Women's League, of which he was director, and one

from the students and teachers of St. Joseph's Separate School. It was with great reluctance that Fr. Hogan retired and moved to Marianhill at Pembroke. That same year, he died on September 30, 1961, at the Pembroke General Hospital in his 72nd year. Very Rev. J.J. Hogan was buried at Eganville.

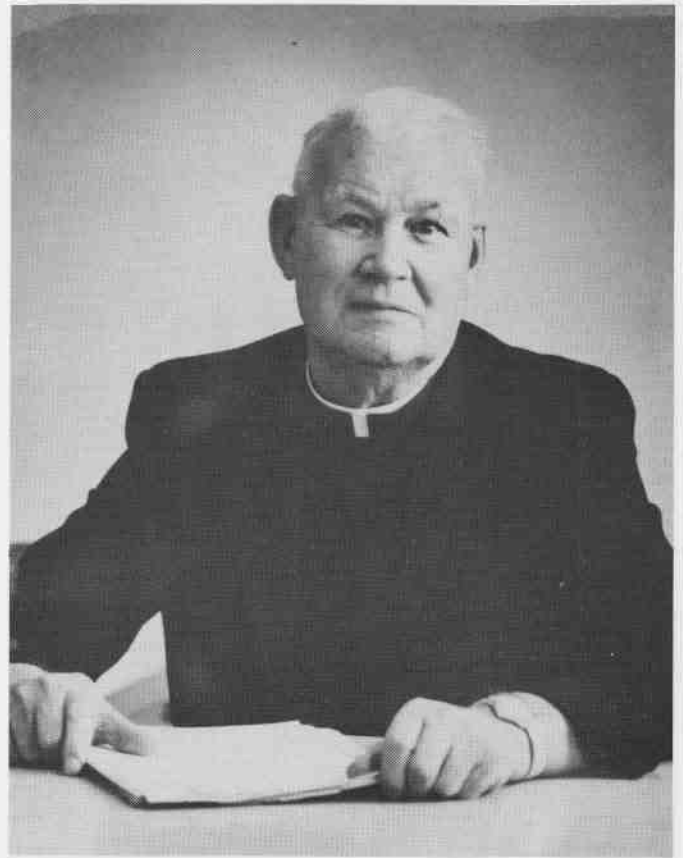
THIRD PARISH PRIEST OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S (1961-1971)

John Kenneth O'Brien, a son of Matthew O'Brien and Bridget Bradley, was born on June 17, 1904, at Esmonde. Brothers and sisters are: Hillard, Clifford, Everett, Stella (Simon Sullivan), Justina (Allan Davidson), Irene (Phil Bradley), Viola (Owen Connelly), Muriel (Ernest Terrien), Gladys (James Hogan), Alexis (Harry Valiquette), Anita (Wilfred Varrin). Attending an elementary school at Esmonde, Kenneth graduated from the Eganville Separate High School, studied philosophy at St. Jerome's College in Kitchener, and Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Father O'Brien, along with Rev. P. Thomas Tait of Stonecliffe, was ordained by Bishop P.T. Ryan at the Cathedral in Pembroke on June 14, 1931. On Sunday, Fr. O'Brien said his first Mass at St. Joseph's in Esmonde. Fr. William Dooner of Osceola, and formerly of Esmonde, preached the sermon, congratulating the parish on having its first youth raised to the dignity of the priesthood. Initially attached to his home parish at Esmonde, Fr. O'Brien was at St. John Chrysostom's in Arnprior from July to September of 1931, at Calabogie



Rev. J.K. O'Brien (1904 - 1985)

from September to December 1931, and at St. Narcissus in Mackey from December 1931 to September 1932, all very brief stays. In September 1932, Fr. O'Brien returned to Calabogie as assistant for a period of eight years. Then, in September 1940, Fr. O'Brien moved to St. Michael's parish at Douglas where he was assistant to Rev. J.J. Quilty. Upon Fr. Quilty's death in 1944, Fr. O'Brien administered the parish until May 19, 1946, when he was appointed as the parish priest at Mackey, which included the missions of Stonecliffe, Bissetts and Deux Rivières. Because of the new hydro dam at Rolphton, the mission church at Stonecliffe was submerged by the Ottawa River while the parish church, St. Narcissus at Mackey was entirely surrounded by water. This then resulted in a newly-formed parish, based at Stonecliffe, called Our Lady of the Snows. Ontario Hydro had built this new church, which opened for service on December 11, 1949, to replace the ones that were flooded because of the new dam. Fr. O'Brien was now the first parish priest of this new church. Next to be built were a rectory, parish hall and separate school. By May 1958, Fr. O'Brien was moved again, this time to St. Pius V, Osceola. While there, he organized a separate school for the mission of Cobden. On April 9, 1961, upon the resignation of Fr. J.J. Hogan at Barry's Bay, Fr. J.K. O'Brien came to St. Lawrence O'Toole parish as its pastor.

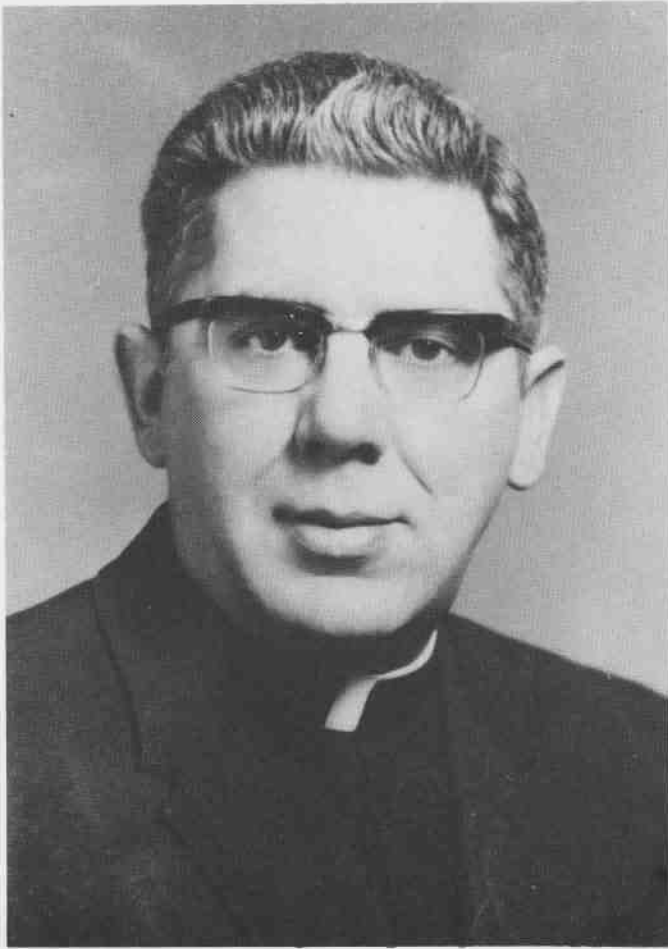


Rev. J.K. O'Brien

The major accomplishment of Fr. O'Brien at Barry's Bay was his building of the new church, rectory and hall and these were finished by 1965.

It was especially interesting to listen to Fr. O'Brien's Ottawa Valley accent. It would seem that he had just arrived from Ireland; undoubtedly there were people who believed that to be so. Fr. O'Brien was very gifted at impromptu speeches and always came up with an amusing anecdote or a humorous comment based on something that someone had just said. Besides serving as a member of the Senate of Priests for the Diocese of Pembroke, Fr. O'Brien served as Dean of the Barry's Bay Deanery for six years, and as a member of the Diocesan Financial, Property and Building Committee for fifteen years.

On April 21, 1971, Fr. O'Brien resigned as pastor of St. Lawrence's and became the chaplain at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, continuing to live at the parish rectory. In May 1982, a year after his 50th anniversary as a priest, Fr. O'Brien retired at age 77 and moved to Marianhill in Pembroke. This did not last long though as Fr. O'Brien soon returned to Barry's Bay to live at Valley Manor. Fr. O'Brien suffered a heart attack and died on January 16, 1985. The funeral Mass was held at St. James' in Eganville with burial at Esmonde.



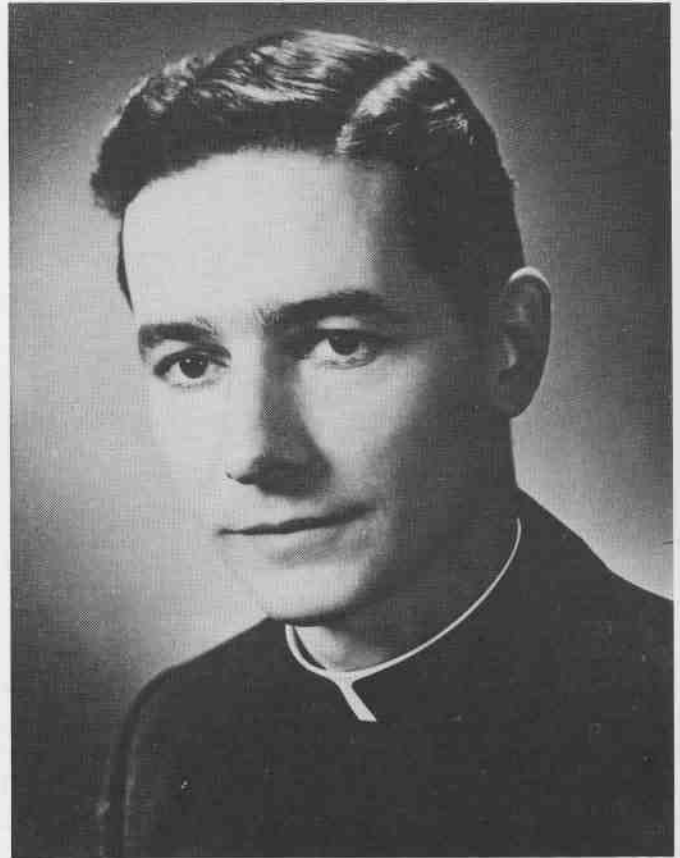
Rev. D.D. Donahue (1923-1976)

FOURTH PARISH PRIEST OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S (1971-1972)

Donald David Donahue was born in Pembroke on May 13, 1923, a son of Thomas Donahue and Margaret Ann Kearns. His brothers and sisters are Allan, Des, Clarence, Lloyd, Clifford, Rita (John Hanley) and Lola (Donald Ross). After attending Pembroke Separate Schools and Pembroke Collegiate, Fr. Donahue attended both St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto and the Grand Seminary in Montreal. Fr. Donahue and Fr. Thomas G. Klatt, both of Pembroke, were ordained on June 11, 1949, by Bishop W.J. Smith, in St. Columba's Cathedral where their first Masses were said the next day.

First, Fr. Donahue started off as assistant at St. John Chrysostom's at Arnprior and then to Chapeau where he also served as principal of St. Mary's Teachers' College from September 1, 1958, to June 2, 1962. He was appointed parish priest at Portage-du-Fort on May 21, 1962, 1962, and then as parish priest at Sheenboro's St. Paul the Hermit on September 1, 1964. Five years later, Fr. Donahue became the parish priest at Canadian Martyrs' at Combermere which also served the mission of St. Francis de Sales at Latchford Bridge. On April 21, 1971, Fr. Donahue became pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole's parish but served here for a very brief time. Fr. Donahue

was especially noted for his interesting sermons which applied readily to the present-day world. Fr. Donahue's style was not to talk from the pulpit but rather to step down in front of the altar and sometimes walk down the aisle. On September 5, 1972, Fr. Donahue returned to Sheenboro as pastor where he died on June 26, 1976, at the age of 53. Fr. D.D. Donahue is buried in the parish cemetery of St. Paul the Hermit at Sheenboro.



Rev. J.E. Green

FIFTH PARISH PRIEST OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S (SINCE 1972)

John Edward Green was born on March 23, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan, a son of Joseph Michael Green and Catherine Mary O'Gorman. Early education was received in Maynooth and then Eganville; he then attended St. Jerome's College at Kitchener and studied philosophy and theology at St. Peter's Seminary at London, Ontario. Fr. Green was ordained at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Deep River on May 31, 1956, by Bishop W.J. Smith. First Fr. Green was assigned to the Cathedral at Pembroke in June 1956. Two years later, in June 1958, Fr. Green was appointed to St. Francis Xavier's at Renfrew and remained there until September 9, 1963, when he was appointed assistant at St. John Chrysostom's in Arnprior. Then in 1969, Fr. Green became pastor of St. Pius V Parish at Osceola. On September 5, 1972, Fr. Jack was named as parish priest at St. Lawrence O'Toole's in Barry's Bay, and celebrated his 25th anniversary as a

priest at a celebration in 1981. Of a quiet disposition, Fr. Green has shown himself to be humble and modest, in contrast to his accomplishments. He has taken an interest in his parishioners and is ready and willing to help out wherever he can. Fr. Green has also taken on the additional role of saying Mass twice a week at Valley Manor.

BRUDENELL STATISTICS (TO OCTOBER 25, 1901)

While it is a simple matter to determine the number of events at St. Lawrence O'Toole's by examining the church records, it is much more difficult to do so for the period when Barry's Bay was a mission to Brudenell. First, the events occurred further back in time, and aside from the obviously local names, it is hard to know for sure which of the mainly late-1800s names refer to this area. Also, Brudenell had several missions, of which Barry's Bay was only one, thus adding to the variety of names in the records; except for First Communion and Confirmations, the locale for an event was usually not specified. After 1875, Barry's Bay baptisms might have been performed as well at the closer church at Wilno.

Although Father James McCormac became the first parish priest of Brudenell in 1867, the church records are unique in that they began in 1862, several years before becoming a parish. Undoubtedly a church record book was started that early in anticipation of Brudenell becoming a parish due to the increase of inhabitants. The year 1862 saw the baptism of Joseph Dupuis, a son of Peter Dupuis and Julia Parisien of Bark Lake. A rough estimate of the number of baptisms for the Barry's Bay area would be about fifty while marriages might number about a dozen. An early local marriage occurred on October 25, 1871, between James Murray and Hanora Belkwell. Six burials involving local people took place, with the last four being at St. Lawrence's:

July 27, 1897, William Drohan, son of James Drohan and Margaret Kirwan, died 26th, age 11 months.

March 29, 1898, Rose Ann Murray, wife of Charles Kitts, died 27th, age 45.

September 30, 1899, Mary Catherine Theresa Kirwan, daughter of William Kirwan and Hannah Whelan, died 29th, age 8 months.

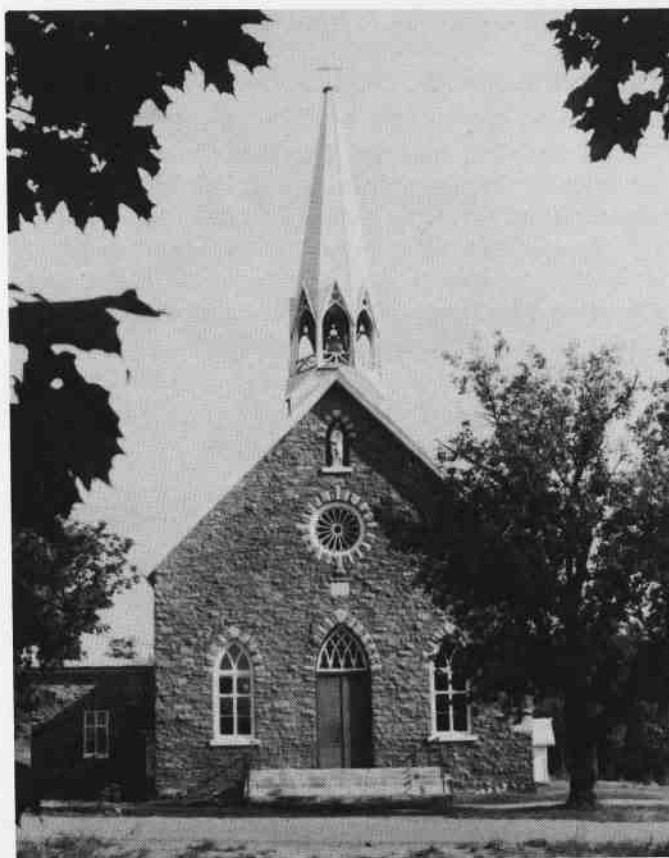
February 26, 1900, Michael Murray, son of Patrick Murray and Anna Foy, died 24th, age 7.

March 13, 1901, Michael Conway, died 11th, age about 72.

May 29, 1901, Mrs. Daniel Delaney, died 29th.

Bishop D. Duhamel of Ottawa administered the sacrament of Confirmation at Brudenell in 1878 and again in 1881; among the recipients would be at least some from Barry's Bay.

On July 8, 1897, Confirmation and First Communion were administered in 'the church' at Barry's Bay; since the chapel was not yet built, the ceremony probably took place at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, built by the Polish pioneers in the region just out-



St. Mary's, Brudenell

side of Barry's Bay and referred to as Siberia. When one considers the ages of the recipients, it is clear that it was the first opportunity for many to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The sponsors were Paul Yakabuski and Mrs. Michael Conway Sr., and Bishop N.Z. Lorrain officiated. Here are the names, ages and parents of the recipients:

Oliver Parisien, 45, husband of Christine Vallieres.

Jean Baptiste Dupuis, 24, Vincent Dupuis and Margaret Arnold.

Nicholas Conway, 30, husband of Ellen Irving.

Bernard M. Regan, 20, Patrick Regan and Sarah Ring.

James Sullivan, 39, husband of Hanora Conway.

William Kitts, 17, Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray.

Francis Murray, 15, James Murray and Hanora Belkwell.

Abraham Parisien, 13, Oliver Parisien and Christine Vallieres.

John James Daly, 11, Michael Daly and Margaret Murray.

James Sullivan, 12, James Sullivan and Hanora Conway.

Michael Sullivan, 12, James Sullivan and Hanora Conway.

William Murray, 12, James Murray and Hanora Belkwell.

Herbert Fitzgerald, 10, Edward Fitzgerald and Catherine Murphy.

Hanora Belkwell, 46, wife of James Murray.

Julie Parisien, 16, Oliver Parisien and Christine Vallieres.

Christine Vallieres, 34, wife of Oliver Parisien.

Elizabeth J. Daly, 15, Michael Daly and Margaret Murray.

Margaret Sullivan, 13, James Sullivan and Hanora Conway.

Margaret Kitts, 15, Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray.
Rose Ann Kitts, 13, Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray.

There were only four receiving First Communion: William Murray, 12; Herbert Fitzgerald, 10; Michael James Sullivan, 15; John James Daly, 11.

On September 17, 1899, First Communion was administered for the first time in the chapel of St. Lawrence O'Toole's. The five were: Eva Smith, Barclay Drohan, Charles Murray, Francis Kitts, Francis Billings.

The first Confirmation in the chapel of St. Lawrence O'Toole's was on July 11, 1900; Bishop N.Z. Lorrain officiated while Mr. and Mrs. Michael Conlon were the sponsors.

Francis Kitts, 12, Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray.
Charles Murray, 12, James Murray and Hanora Belkwell.
Francis Billings, 11, Michael Billings and Julia Delaney.
Barclay Joseph Drohan, 14, James Drohan and Margaret Kirwan.
John Ritza, 13, Michael Ritza and Mary Pershick.

Mary Clara Kitts, 14, Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray.

Ellen Mary Regan, 14, Patrick Regan and Sarah Ring.
Mary Eva Smith, 11, Stephen Smith and Ellen Mangan.
Mary Ida Dupuis, 21, wife of John B. Dupuis.
Mary Matilda Dupuis, 21, Vincent Dupuis and Margaret Arnold.

There was a First Communion on October 30, 1900: Peter Drohan, Oswald George, Daniel Murray, Mary Ritza, Annie O'Grady, Mary Bohan, Annie Drohan.

The last First Communion under Brudenell was on January 13, 1901: John Kitts, Mary Kitts, Sarah Regan, Gertrude McGahey.

KILLALOE STATISTICS (OCTOBER 26, 1901 — JUNE 30, 1934)

Even with these more recent records, it is still difficult to know for sure how many of the events in the St. Andrew's records pertain to members of St. Lawrence O'Toole's; however, many of the events are now identified as taking place in Barry's Bay. It was still true that



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people would often go to the most available priest at the time of a birth; for example, a Wilno couple might have their child baptized at Killaloe while a St. Lawrence O'Toole couple might go to St. Hedwig's in Barry's Bay, if a mission priest was not nearby. In the early days when children sometimes had difficulty surviving birth, parents felt an urgency to have a baby baptized immediately. In any event, the following statistics are approximations: Baptisms, 257; Marriages, 27; Burials, 85; First Communions, 280, Confirmations, 273. It is interesting to note that the earliest entry in the Killaloe records is the baptism on November 2, 1901, of Anastasia Billings, a daughter of John Billings and Mary Daly, having been born on November 2, 1901.

In 1902, there was a First Communion ceremony on three different occasions in the chapel of St. Lawrence O'Toole's at Barry's Bay.

January 20, 1902: Walter McClosky, 15, son of Francis McClosky.

August 2, 1902: Monica Kathleen George, Eva Rose McGahey, Edward Ernest Bohan, Thomas Patrick Sullivan, Michael Conway.

November 23, 1902: John Hildebrandt, 21.

The largest First Communion group at St. Lawrence's, while a mission of Killaloe, numbered 27 on May 26, 1920. The sacrament of First Communion was offered 42 times, the last occurring on May 10, 1934. On this occasion the recipients were: Dowdall Murray, John Billings, Matthew Conway, Desmond Sullivan and Nora Walker.

Confirmation was administered on 12 occasions from 1901 to 1934, the first two by Bishop N.Z. Lorrain and the rest by Bishop P.T. Ryan. The first Confirmation as a mission to Killaloe took place on August 5, 1903, in the chapel of St. Lawrence O'Toole, with Michael Dunnigan and Mrs. Michael Dunnigan (Catherine Kirwan) as sponsors. The recipients were: Peter James Drohan, John Bryson Kitts, Oswald Patrick George, John Joseph Sylwiski, William Joseph Billings, Michael Sylvester Conway, Thomas Patrick Sullivan, Daniel Oscar Murray, Edward Earnest Bohan, Mary Agnes Chapeski, Mary Eva Ritza, Gertrude Catherine McGahey, Mary Mabel Kitts, Eva Rose McGahey, Anna Mary Drohan, Sarah Ann Regan, Mary Catharine George, Mary Loretta Bohan, and two adults, Antoine Arcand and Daniel Joseph Pelletier.

Dates and sponsors for the following occasions were:

July 23, 1906; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Daly.
 August 4, 1909; Francis Stafford and Mrs. J.H. Potter (Margaret Corrigan).
 October 13, 1912; John Dooner and Mrs. John Dooner (Ellen O'Reilly).
 June 12, 1913; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Daly.
 July 2, 1916; Charles Kitts and Anna Sinclair.
 May 31, 1919; Mr. J. Mahon and Mrs. J. Dooner.
 May 16, 1922; John C. Kiely and Mrs. Michael Murray (Mary Kiely).
 May 22, 1925; Thomas Conway and Mrs. Thomas

Conway (Clare Kitts).

May 8, 1928; Mr. and Mrs. John Drohan.

June 2, 1931; Michael Whelan and Miss Clara Whelan.

The last Confirmation as a mission took place on May 29, 1934, when Michael Whelan and Frances Fleming were the sponsors. Recipients were: Keith Joseph Billings, Clifford Kenneth Lessard, Clayton Joseph Lessard, Phillip Joseph Murray, George Joseph Whelan, Lois Mary Doyle, Doreen Clare Conway, Vivian Mary Kitts, Mary Dolcetta Murray, Loretta Mary Nicholson, Marcella Mary Sullivan, Gladys Theresa Sullivan, Jacqueline Ursula Whelan.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE STATISTICS (SINCE JULY 1, 1934)

The following chart illustrates the number of baptisms, burials, marriages, First Communions and Confirmations that have taken place over the past 50 years.

YEAR	B	D	M	FC	C
1934	1	3	0	0	0
1935	1	5	1	7	0
1936	4	3	0	5	0
1937	3	3	1	5	0
1938	8	1	1	7	30
1939	4	4	0	1	0
1940	8	1	4	11	10
1941	3	0	1	9	0
1942	5	3	0	1	0
1943	1	4	2	7	19
1944	4	1	1	2	0
1945	5	0	2	6	0
1946	14	5	2	5	9
1947	12	1	5	7	0
1948	6	4	4	5	0
1949	11	4	2	0	0
1950	7	2	1	5	30
1951	16	0	6	4	0
1952	15	2	5	7	0
1953	15	5	0	5	23
1954	15	3	4	15	0
1955	24	1	6	10	0
1956	21	2	3	15	30
1957	12	4	2	8	0
1958	14	4	5	20	0
1959	17	1	2	8	35
1960	10	4	1	12	0
1961	15	5	0	12	0
1962	14	3	0	21	26
1963	15	5	1	20	0
1964	16	2	1	15	0
1965	13	2	2	16	50
1966	9	3	2	20	0
1967	10	1	2	12	0
1968	14	4	5	0	0
1969	9	6	2	17	0
1970	7	1	3	16	0
1971	6	6	3	12	0

YEAR	B	D	M	FC	C
1972	3	5	4	17	12
1973	8	8	7	14	14
1974	9	8	4	6	13
1975	11	4	9	12	9
1976	9	7	1	13	17
1977	12	3	1	7	15
1978	10	8	4	9	7
1979	8	2	5	8	0
1980	13	8	3	6	26
1981	5	3	5	8	0
1982	15	6	2	12	0
1983	19	6	6	13	24
1984	10	5	7	10	0
	516	181	140	483	399



First Communion (May 30, 1957)



First Communion (June 11, 1960)

Rev. M.S. McNamara

First Baptism: Neomi Ann Conway; born July 25; baptized July 29, 1934.

First Marriage: Alexander Levair; Mary Gertrude Rumbleski; July 30, 1935.

Last Baptism: Earl Gerard Conway; born July 31; baptized August 10, 1958.

Last Marriage: Andrew Joseph Gutoskie; Rose Mary Dwyer; September 1, 1958.

Rev. J.J. Hogan

First Baptism: Michael Francis Mader; born December 5; baptized December 21, 1958.

First Marriage: Alphonse Yantha; Marie Fitzgerald; January 24, 1959.

Last Baptism: James Alfred O'Malley; born March 14, 1961; baptized March 26, 1961.

Last Marriage: William John Conway; Marion Dorothy Nicholson; February 4, 1961.

Rev. J.K. O'Brien

First Baptism: Robert Thomas Conway; born April 22; baptized April 30, 1961. Mark Yakabuski; born April 4, baptized April 30, 1961. Martin Yakabuski; born April 4, baptized April 30, 1961.

First Marriage: Jacob Kaay; Maureen Murray; December 28, 1963.

Last Baptism: Corinne Mary Yantha; born March 28; baptized April 11, 1971.

Last Marriage: Raymond Russell Sheppard; Barbara Ann Nicholson; August 22, 1970.

Rev. D.D. Donahue

First Baptism: Paul Eric Ryan; born May 7; baptized May 24, 1971.

First Marriage: Alvin Martin Cowan; Margaret C. McArthur; July 31, 1971.

Last Baptism: Dale Robert Kuiack; born August 14; baptized September 5, 1971. Gale Lee Mary Kuiack; born August 14; baptized September 5, 1971.

Last Marriage: Silas Dombroskie; Sylvia Chippure; September 4, 1971.

Rev. J.E. Green

First Baptism: Robert Brian Murray; born September 25; baptized October 8, 1972.

First Marriage: James Silkie; Pauline Coulas; September 30, 1972.

Old Church (Rev. J.K. O'Brien)

Last Baptism: Thelma Josephine Cowan; born October 28; baptized November 8, 1964.

Last Marriage: Michael Kulas; Patricia Corrigan; June 27, 1964.

New Church (Rev. J.K. O'Brien)

First Baptism: Camille Irene Conway; born December 24, 1964; baptized January 3, 1965.

First Marriage: Dennis Campell; Angela Dupuis; May 1, 1965.



*Michael Kulas & Patricia Corrigan
June 27, 1964*

New Baptismal Font (Rev. J.K. O'Brien)

First Baptism: Bernadette Frances Dupuis; born September 16; baptized September 29, 1968.

1984 Baptisms

- January 29: Cameron Mark Recoskie, born December 17, 1983.
- January 29: James Alexander Cybulskie, born December 30, 1983.
- March 4: Michael Thomas O'Reilly, born February 12, 1984.
- April 29: Jeffrey John Norlock, born April 13, 1984.
- July 1: Lawren Hannah Manion, born June 8, 1984.
- September 23: Giovanna Medina, born August 19, 1984.
- September 30: John Matthew Rumleskie, born September 11, 1984.
- October 7: Craig Arnold Yeretch, born September 5, 1984.
- October 21: Erin Colleen Flynn, born September 18, 1984.
- December 2: Jeffrey Joseph Daly, born October 25, 1984.



St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery



First Communion (April 19, 1984)

TOP ROW: Rev. J.E. Green; 2nd ROW: Jennifer Recoskie, Kelly Sullivan; 3rd ROW: J.B. Rumleskie, Bryan Murray, Robin Corrigan, Barry Yantha; BOTTOM ROW: Bradley Etmanskie, Kenneth Dugan, Christopher Lapenskie, Troy Higgins

1984 Marriages

- April 28: Brian Cull and Erin Sullivan.
- May 26: James O'Malley and Linda Ryan.
- July 14: Keith Jackson and Ramona Kuiack.

July 14: Glen Bleskie and Mary K. Murray.
 July 21: Benedict Norlock and Jocelyn Chippure.
 August 18: John Haskins and Gail Gonzalez.
 August 25: Kenneth Dorman and Sherri Kuiack.

1984 Burials

February 13: Thomas Jordan, died February 10.
 February 18: Elizabeth Murray, died February 15.
 July 11: William Nicholson, died July 6.
 August 9: Jerome Zilney, died August 6.
 August 9: James Billings, died August 7.

1984 First Communion

April 19: Robin Corrigan; Kenneth Dugan; Bradley Et-
 manskie; Troy Higgins; Chris Lapenskie; Bryan
 Murray; Jennifer Recoskie; J.B. Rumleskie; Kelly Sul-
 livan; Barry Yantha.

Confirmation

There was no Confirmation in 1984. A regional Con-
 firmation had been held for the first time on May 17, 1973,
 at St. Hedwig's; others have been held since then at St.
 Mary's, Wilno, and at St. Lawrence's. Regional Confir-
 mations have been held since 1973, except for 1983,
 when Confirmation was combined with a Holy Year
 Visitation.

The first Confirmation in the new parish of St. Law-
 rence O'Toole's was not held until May 6, 1938, when
 Bishop C.L. Nelligan officiated, with Mr. and Mrs. Wil-
 liam Doyle being the sponsors. Confirmed on this occa-
 sion were: John Murray Billings, Terrence P. Billings,
 Matthew M. Conway, Bernard Raymond Conway,
 Edward Joseph Dwyer, Murray Horace Landon, George
 Leo LaHaie, Jean Paul LaHaie, Roland Charles LaHaie,
 Emmett Justin Murray, Jerome Francis Murray, Dowdall
 R.S. Murray, Gerald Joseph McNamara, John Joseph
 O'Malley, Alfred Gerald O'Malley, William James Rum-
 leskie, Arthur Martin Rumleskie, Thomas Desmond Sul-
 livan, James Gregory Sullivan, Anthony Joseph Vona,
 Mary Irene Conway, Edna Frances Kitts, Erma Anne
 Landon, Mary Margorie McLaughlin, Patricia Frances
 McLaughlin, Mary Kathleen Murray, Maureen Teresa
 Murray, Catherine Bernice O'Grady, Mary Nora Walker,
 Margaret Genevieve Walker.

The following Confirmations took place:

May 15, 1940; Bishop C.L. Nelligan, sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. Charles Murray.
 May 24, 1943; Bishop C.L. Nelligan, sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. Thomas Conway.
 May 10, 1946; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. Charles Murray.
 May 23, 1950; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. John T. Drohan.
 June 20, 1953; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. John P. Conway.
 May 28, 1956; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. James W. Conway.
 October 13, 1959; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. John Dunnigan.



Confirmation (May 28, 1956)

May 28, 1962; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. Roy Woermke.
 June 6, 1965; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Mr. and Mrs.
 Patrick Conway.
 May 16, 1972; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. Daniel G. Murray.
 May 17, 1973; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Anthony
 and Lorraine Bleskie. Regional Confirmation at St.
 Hedwig's, Barry's Bay.
 May 22, 1974; Bishop J.R. Windle; sponsors: Andrew
 and Rita Maika. Regional Confirmation at St. Hed-
 wig's, Barry's Bay.
 May 21, 1975; Bishop J.R. Windle; sponsors: Alphonse
 and Bernadette Prince. Regional Confirmation at St.
 Mary's, Wilno.
 May 18, 1976; Bishop J.R. Windle; sponsors: Francis and
 Teresita Conway. Regional Confirmation at St. Law-
 rence O'Toole's.
 May 19, 1977; Bishop W.J. Smith; sponsors: Edmond
 and Monica Kulas. Regional Confirmation at St. Hed-
 wig's, Barry's Bay.
 May 16, 1978; Bishop J.R. Windle; sponsors: Omer and
 Joan Conway. Regional Confirmation at St. Lawrence
 O'Toole's.
 May 20, 1980; Bishop J.R. Windle; sponsors: Mr. and
 Mrs. Ambrose Recoskie. Regional Confirmation at St.
 Hedwig's, Barry's Bay.

During the Holy Year, Bishop J.R. Windle confirmed
 24 candidates on April 7, 1983. The candidates were:
 Sean Finn, Paul Goulet, Shaun O'Malley, Christopher
 Pigeon, Bernard Potvin, Clayton Recoskie, Darron
 Recoskie, Steven Sayyea, Victor Shulist, Kevin Smith,
 James Van Hoof, Daniel Zilney, Jeanne August, Tracey
 Green, Agnes Klygo, Kasey Kulas, Gale Kuiack, Janice
 Lorbetski, Kimberley Murray, Lisa Murray, Julia Skelley,
 Rhonda Sayyea, Corinne Yantha, Trina Yantha.

Altar Boys

The following altar boys assisted Fr. Green at services
 in 1984: Gary Bernarde, William Conway, David Goulet,
 Paul Goulet, Keith Jeffrey, Sean Kelly, Chris Kuiack,

Dale Kuiack, Chris Murray, Robert Murray, Bernard Potvin, Chris Serran, William Serran, Kevin Smith, Barry Theile.

PRIESTS FROM ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S

Priest	Born	Ordained	Died
Henry Edward Letang	September 24, 1880	December 19, 1908	May 17, 1943
Edward Ambrose Letang	August 30, 1888	August 10, 1915	January 30, 1940
Gerald Leo Smith	February 27, 1905	June 19, 1930	
Leonard Anthony Costello	May 9, 1905	June 10, 1934	
Leonard Sylvester Ritza	July 11, 1910	May 31, 1934	April 1, 1975
John Joseph Oliver Murray	November 13, 1912	June 5, 1938	October 23, 1980
Emmett Justin Murray	June 1, 1926	May 8, 1954	
John Terrence Conway	March 8, 1942	September 14, 1968	
Joseph Francis O'Malley	November 21, 1942	May 2, 1970	

"When a priest offers the sacrifice of the Mass, he honours God' he rejoices the angels, he edifies the Church, he helps the living, he obtains rest for the dead, and makes himself partaker of all that is good".

— Thomas-à-Kempis

HENRY EDWARD LETANG (1880-1943)

Henry Letang was born on September 24, 1880, in Almonte, a son of Joseph Oscar Letang and Elizabeth Myers. H.E. Letang became the first member of St. Lawrence's to be ordained a priest. Fr. Letang was ordained along with Rev. John P. Harrington of Killaloe and Rev. Wm. H. Dooner of Osceola, at the Cathedral in Pembroke on December 19, 1908. Fr. Harry said his first Mass in Barry's Bay the following day with Fr. F.L. French of Brudenell preaching the sermon. After serving for a time as curate at St. James' in Eganville and as secretary to Bishop P.T. Ryan, Fr. Harry was appointed as the first parish priest of St. Joseph's at Allumette Island on October 26, 1913. As a mission, a church and rectory had already been erected by Rev. A.M. Renaud of St. Alphonsus' Parish. Fr. Letang had only to purchase some land for a cemetery and that was done the same year. Many years later, Fr. Letang was appointed Dean. During the First World War, he served as a chaplain overseas with the rank of captain from 1916 to 1919, and was decorated by the government of France. When his brother, Fr. E.A. Letang, died early in January 1940, at Temiskaming, Fr. H.E. Letang assumed his pastorship at St. Theresa's that fall. Not long afterwards, on May 17, 1943, Very Rev. H.E. Letang died in an Ottawa hospital in his 63rd year. The funeral took place at St. James' in Eganville where both brothers are buried.



Rev. H.E. Letang (1880-1943) Rev. E.A. Letang (1888-1940)

EDWARD AMBROSE LETANG (1888-1940)

Edward Letang was born on August 30, 1888, in Brudenell. His parents were Joseph Letang and Elizabeth Myers. After finishing school in Barry's Bay, Edward entered the University of Ottawa and then the Grand Seminary in Montreal. He was ordained by Bishop P.T. Ryan at St. Columba's in Pembroke along with Fr. John Bourke and Fr. William Murray, both of Pembroke, Fr. M. O'Gorman of Renfrew and Fr. J.J. Rice of Douglas, on August 10, 1915. The next morning Fr. E.A. Letang celebrated his first Mass at St. Joseph's, Allumette Island. Fr. Ebbie served briefly at St. Thomas Aquinas parish at Astorville. Then Fr. E.A. Letang administered

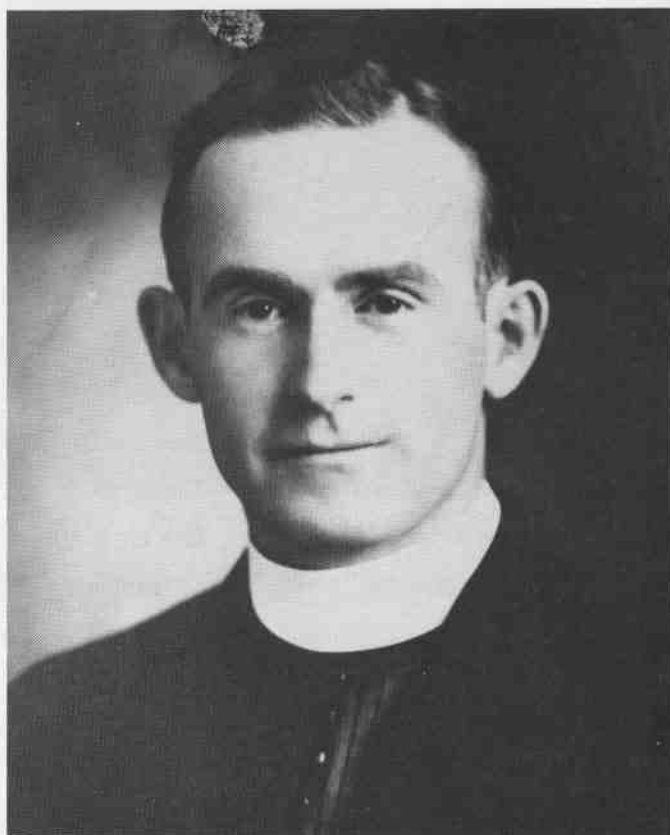


Rev. E.A. Letang, Rev. H.E. Letang; Elizabeth (Myers), Joseph Letang.

his brother's parish, St. Joseph's, Allumette Island, in 1916 while Fr. H.E. Letang went to Europe as a chaplain during the war. When Fr. Harry returned in 1919, Fr. Ebbie was appointed as the first pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Temiskaming, effective September 14, 1919. By 1930 Fr. Letang had a rectory and a church, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, constructed at a new location. He was also responsible for building a parish school, staffed by the Grey Sisters. Fr. E.A. Letang died in Kingston on January 20, 1940, following an operation. He was 51 years of age and had been ill for three weeks; his brother, Fr. H.E. Letang, and his nephew, Fr. Leonard A. Costello of Ottawa, were present when he died. When St. Theresa's parish was celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1944, Mayor A.K. Grimaner said: "This occasion brings to memory the late Rev. E.A. Letang, and his brother, the late Rev. H.E. Letang, whose untiring efforts will always be honoured, not only in the history of the parish, but also in the records of our town."

GERALD LEO SMITH (1905)

Gerald Leo Smith was born in Barry's Bay on February 27, 1905, a son of Stephen Smith and Ellen Mangan. Leo Smith attended elementary school in Barry's Bay until the family moved to Sault Ste Marie about 1918 and joined Blessed Sacrament parish. After attending Toronto's St. Augustine's Seminary, Fr. Smith was ordained on June 19, 1930, by Bishop D.J. Scollard, the first bishop of the diocese of Sault Ste Marie. The ordination was attended by Rev. Peter Biernacki of Barry's Bay. On July 6, 1930, Fr. Leo Smith visited Barry's Bay where he celebrated Mass at St. Lawrence's and was the recipient of a purse presented by the parishioners; Fr. Smith was the first person, born in Barry's Bay and belonging to St. Lawrence's, to become a priest. Fr. Smith served in North Bay at the Cathedral of the Assumption, and was curate at Sacred Heart in Sturgeon Falls in 1934-35. Then Bishop R.H. Dignan designated Fr. Leo Smith to form a



Rev. G. L. Smith

new parish in Sault Ste Marie. The building was a combination hall and church with an extension at the rear including living quarters; the plans were designed by Fr. Smith. The church had a seating capacity of 528 and the altar was set into the vestry in such a way that sliding doors could close off the altar when the church was to be used as a hall. A raised dais in front of the altar and the seats were removable. When construction began in the summer of 1936, Fr. Smith had from 30 to 40 parishioners working daily on the building, and it was completed in the space of 6 weeks. The property consisted of an entire city block and Fr. Smith was already planning a children's playground during the building of the church. Being an avid baseball player and fan, he organized community teams in baseball as well as hockey. More than 1000 people attended the impressive ceremony when the church was blessed and dedicated to St. Veronica.

LEONARD ANTHONY COSTELLO (1905)

Leonard Anthony Costello was born on May 9, 1905, in Barry's Bay, a son of James A. Costello and Mary A. Letang. The family moved to Eganville where Len received his early education in the Eganville Separate School system. After attending Ottawa Normal School in 1924/25, Len taught for 3 years at Slate River. He then attended St. Jerome's College in Kitchener, and St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Leonard Costello was ordained by Bishop P.T. Ryan at Eganville on June 10, 1934. His first Solemn High Mass was said at St. James',



Rt. Rev. L.A. Costello, D.P.

Eganville, the following Sunday. Father Costello service at St. Brigid's, Blessed Sacrament, and St. Patrick's, all in Ottawa. Fr. Len joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Chaplain in 1940. He remained in the Service as Chaplain General of the Armed Forces (Air Commodore) until 1963. He was also assigned as parish priest at the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord in Ottawa, and remained there until his retirement. Rt. Rev. Leonard A. Costello, D.P., continues to live in Ottawa.

LEONARD SYLVESTER RITZA (1910-1975)

Leonard Sylvester Ritza was born in Barry's Bay, a son of John M. Ritza and Julia Coulas. Leonard was baptized at St. Lawrence's where his parents and grandparents attended. In those days, it was more practical for the family to attend St. Lawrence's than travel out Siberia Road to the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. When St. Hedwig's was built in 1914, the Ritza families, and several other families of Polish descent, now joined this new Polish Church located within the village. Leonard's brothers and sisters are: Mary (Jules Gregoire), Harold (Lillian Alteen), Aileen (Thomas Yantha), Catherine (O.B. Johnston), Rita (Felix Recoskie), Raymond (Carole Sims), Bernard, Gerald (Janette Callaghan). After attending elementary school in Barry's Bay, Leonard went to St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake, Michigan, to complete his high school. Next, he went to the University of Ottawa and then to St. Peter's Seminary in London for theology. Leonard Ritza was ordained at St. Hedwig's by Bishop P.T. Ryan on May 13, 1934. He was assigned as an assistant at St. Mary's in Wilno before

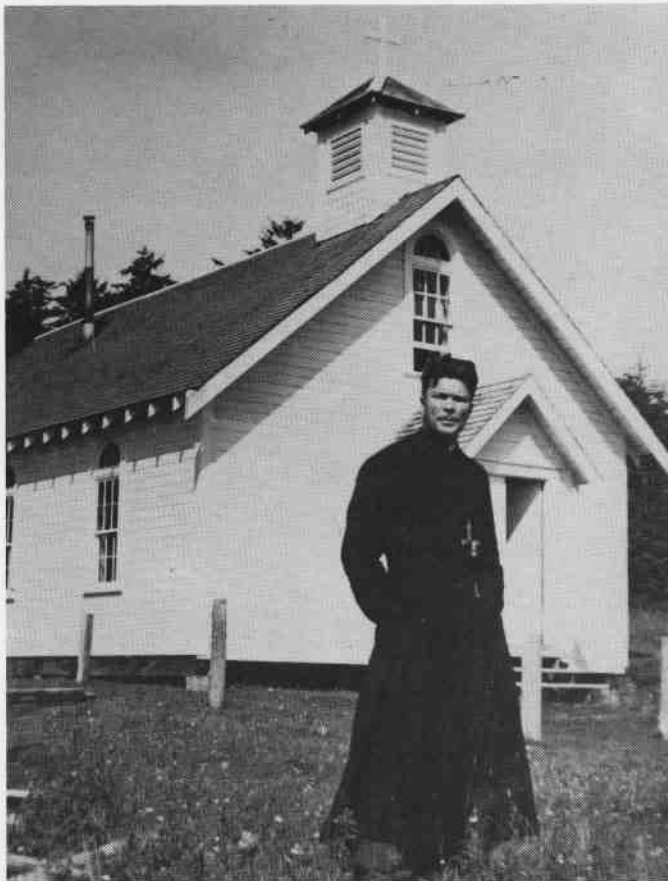


Rev. L.S. Ritza (1910-1975)

going to St. Casimir's at Round Lake in 1935 and to St. Alphonsus at Chapeau in 1940. In June 1943, Fr. Ritza joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a chaplain. When he returned from overseas, Fr. Ritza remained with the Forces, being stationed at Oakville and later at Edmonton, Alberta. He attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and served as Command Chaplain for both Central and Western Commands. Following his retirement from the army in May 1963, he was appointed Chaplain of St. Francis Memorial Hospital (which had officially opened in November 1963) and remained in that position until ill health forced him to resign on December 31, 1970. Fr. Ritza died in Barry's Bay on April 1, 1975, and is buried at St. Hedwig's.

JOHN JOSEPH OLIVER MURRAY (1912-1980)

Joseph Murray was born in Barry's Bay on November 13, 1912, the eldest son of Thomas Murray and Johanna Kiely. After attending the local elementary school, Joe left Barry's Bay at the age of 12 to attend high school in Ottawa, St. Patrick's College, the University of Ottawa and Holy Rosary Scholasticate. On June 5, 1938, Fr. Murray was ordained an Oblate of Mary Immaculate at St. Joseph's, Ottawa, by Archbishop J.G. Forbes; two other Renfrew County men, Patrick Joseph Sheahan of Douglas, and Garrett Michael Morris of Renfrew, were also ordained. The following Sunday, Fr. Joe Murray was in Barry's Bay where he celebrated his first High Mass at St. Lawrence's. Rev. James Mulvihill, O.M.I., preached the sermon and afterwards Fr. Murray was presented with an address and a purse by five former schoolmates,



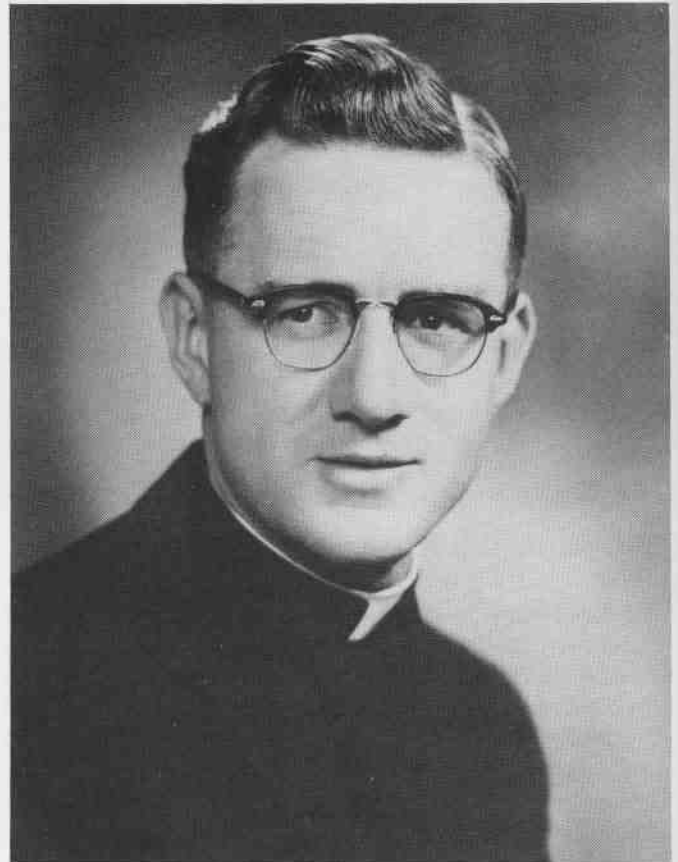
Rev. J.J. Murray (1912-1980)

Murray Daly, Francis Potter, Charles Kitts, Nicholas Conway and Bernard Murray; Fr. Murray had been honoured a few days earlier by the C.W.L. A month later,



Rev. J.J. Murray

Fr. Murray began his work with Indian missions in British Columbia, namely Cee Pee Cee, Kyquot, William Lake and Anaheim Lake. Turning to parish work, he served in Lethbridge, Alberta, then Lilloet, B.C., and finally St. Peter's in New Westminster, B.C. Fr. Joe Murray, O.M.I. died of a heart attack on October 23, 1980, in New Westminster. A funeral Mass was held at St. Peter's, followed by one in Barry's Bay; Fr. Murray is buried at St. Lawrence's.



Rev. E.J. Murray

EMMETT JUSTIN MURRAY (1926)

Emmett Murray was born in Barry's Bay on June 1, 1926, a son of Charles Murray and Anna Roche. Receiving his elementary and secondary education at St. Joseph's in Barry's Bay, Fr. Murray attended St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto for philosophy and theology. Fr. Murray's ordination on May 8, 1954, was the first ever at St. Lawrence's church. Bishop W.J. Smith officiated at the event which took place during Fr. McNamara's pastorship. His first Mass was celebrated the following morning with Lieutenant-Colonel Rev. Leonard Ritza, another Barry's Bay native, preaching the sermon. Fr. Emmett Murray's first appointment was as curate at Renfrew's Our Lady of Fatima on May 30, 1954. This was followed by appointments at Holy Name in Pembroke on July 15, 1956, St. Francis Xavier in Renfrew on September 10, 1960, St. Andrew's in Killaloe in September 1964, the Cathedral in Pembroke a year later in Septem-

ber 1965. When Fr. Murray went to Mount St. Patrick in January 1966, he became diocesan chaplain to the C.W.L. Next came an appointment in September 1966 in vice-rector of the Cathedral in Pembroke and this was followed by a seven-year stay at St. Martin's in Whitney starting in September 1967. Then, Fr. Emmett was transferred to St. Andrew's in Killaloe in September 1974. Fr. Murray is often chosen to speak at meetings and other momentous occasions and does so in an interesting manner, usually without the aid of a prepared text.

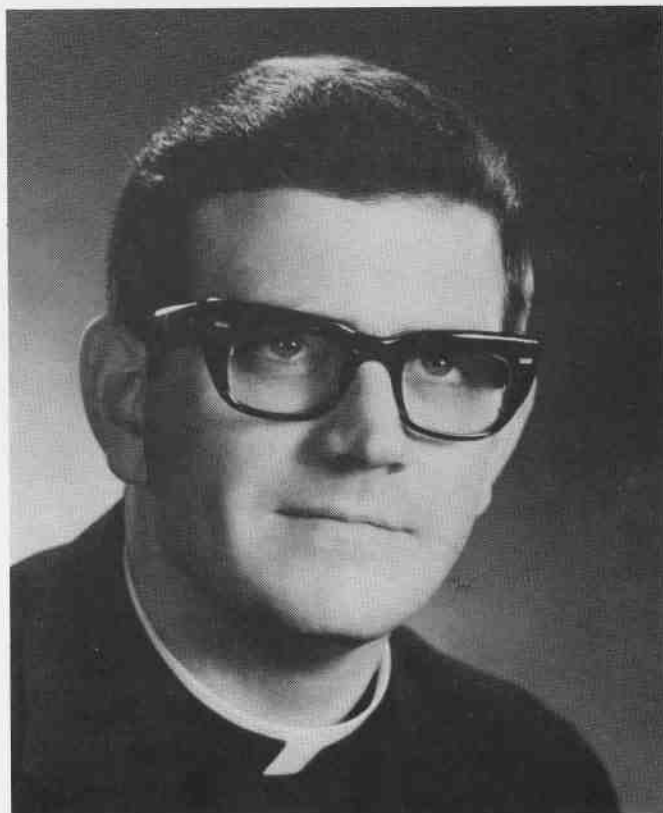


Rev. J.T. Conway

JOHN TERRENCE CONWAY (1942)

John Terrence Conway was born in the Pembroke General Hospital in Pembroke on March 22, 1942, a son of Michael J. Conway and Mary Harrington of Barry's Bay. Terry attended St. Joseph's elementary and secondary schools in Barry's Bay. At that time he was involved in the church by serving on the altar and at various times in the choir as organist. Terry left Barry's Bay in 1961 to enter St. Theresa's Oblate Novitiate in Arnprior and a year later proceeded to Holy Rosary Scholasticate which is located just east of Ottawa near Orleans. From this base, he attended St. Patrick's College, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965, and then attended St. Paul University, also in Ottawa, obtaining a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1969. Professed as an Oblate on September 8, 1968, at Holy Rosary Scholasticate, Fr. Conway was ordained to the priesthood in his hometown by Bishop W.J. Smith on September 14, 1968; this was the second ordination to take place at St. Lawrence's, and Fr. J.K. O'Brien was pastor at that time. Fr. Conway said his first Mass the following morning with Fr. E.J. Murray of Whitney

delivering a sermon on the priesthood. A letter of congratulations was read by William Goulet and a presentation on behalf of the parish was made. Fr. Conway's first appointment, all of which are in British Columbia, began in 1969 as assistant at St. Joseph's in Powell River. In 1970, he became missionary pastor of St. Ann's Indian Parish at Duncan, following in 1972 by becoming an assistant at St. Augustine's in Vancouver. From 1974 to 1982, Fr. Conway served as pastor of Notre Dame in Dawson Creek; this was followed by a sabbatical year of study and renewal. In 1983, Fr. Conway was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Chetwynd. Due to the scarcity of priests, Father Terry is also in charge of Our Lady of the Snows Parish at Hudson Hope, Holy Cross Parish at Tumbler Ridge, and St. Theresa's Mission at Moberly Lake. Tumbler Ridge, a new mining town, is located about 100 kilometres south of Chetwynd while Hudson Hope is about 75 kilometres to the north. Seeing that his parishioners are taken care of requires much time in view of the distances that must be covered.



Rev. J.F. O'Malley

JOSEPH FRANCIS O'MALLEY (1942)

Joseph O'Malley was born in Barry's Bay on November 21, 1942, a son of Thomas O'Malley and Barbara Etmanskie. Joe attended St. Joseph's Elementary School in Barry's Bay, Sacred Heart Elementary School in Marmora and North Hastings High School in Bancroft. Joe completed his philosophy and theology courses at St. Augustine's in Toronto and was the first priest ordained at Our Lady of Mercy in Bancroft. He was ordained by Bishop W.J.

Smith on May 2, 1970. The following day, Fr. O'Malley said his first Mass in Bancroft with Rev. H.L. Chabot preaching the sermon. He was appointed to Our Lady of Mercy in Bancroft and served there from June 15 until September 5, 1970, at which time he moved to the Cathedral in Pembroke. September 1971 saw Father Joe appointed chaplain to Project Involvement. This was a youth movement in the Pembroke area, involving young

people in a search for God, and in carrying out that search in the service of others. In September 1977, Fr. O'Malley was transferred to St. James' in Eganville and then in November 1977, was appointed administrator of Holy Rosary Parish in Griffith which also served the mission of St. Joseph's at Esmonde. Effective October 15, 1984, Fr. O'Malley was appointed parish priest of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Braeside and the mission of St. Alexander's at Sand Point.

SISTERS FROM ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE'S

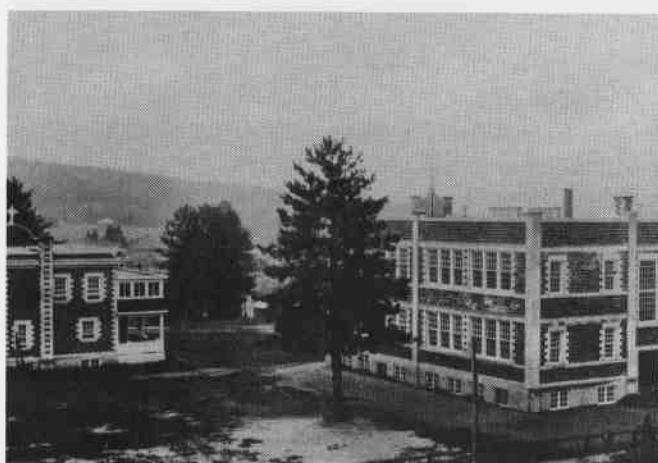
Sister	Born	Entered	Died
Mabel Mary Kitts (Sr. Agatha)	May 17, 1891	1938	May 8, 1969
Mary Ann Conway (Sr. St. Lawrence)	July 29, 1899	February 2, 1928	May 14, 1980
Margaret Jane Conway (Sr. Catherine)	October 14, 1899	July 1, 1929	
Catherine Levaire (Sr. Alexandrine)	February 23, 1906	February 11, 1932	
Marion C. Noonan (Sr. St. Madeline of Charity)	March 3, 1913	January 1933	
Margaret Sullivan (Sr. Malachy)	March 1, 1916	June 21, 1932	
Mary Anne Levair (Sr. Anita)	August 27, 1917	September 1942	
Loretta Sullivan (Sr. Angela)	November 17, 1919	August 15, 1935	
Carmel Murray (Sr. Michaela)	September 22, 1921	September 1944	
Genevieve Sullivan (Sr. Mary Clifford)	January 5, 1922	January 2, 1941	
Leona Sullivan (Sr. Marie Sylvia)	October 30, 1923	June 21, 1942	
Patricia Sullivan (Sr. Janet)	March 17, 1926	August 15, 1944	

"Today, if ye shall hear His voice, harden not your hearts. Jesus of Nazareth is passing by and He may never pass your way again. The Good Shepherd stands at your gate and knocks — will you not let Him in, and accept from His hand His Cross and His Crown? You will find that His yoke is sweet and His burden light. You will find with Him a peace which the world cannot give. May God grant you light in this great question of vocation and grace to correspond with the Divine Will".

— David.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph was established at Le Puy, France, on October 15, 1650, by Bishop Henri de Maupas, through the ardent zeal and timely suggestion of Rev. John Paul Medaille, S.J. Its purpose is the personal sanctification of its members on one hand, and works of charity and zeal on behalf of the neighbour on the other. The first convent in the Pembroke Diocese was founded in 1910 while a Mother House was established at Pembroke to administer to the diocese on August 25, 1921. The Sisters came to Barry's Bay in 1928.



Convent And School Of Sisters Of St. Joseph

MABEL MARY KITTS (1891-1969)

Mabel Kitts was born at Barry's Bay on May 17, 1891, one of ten children of Charles Kitts and Rose Anne Murray. Mabel taught for a number of years at Creighton Mine before entering the Congregation of the Sisters of



Sr. Mabel Kitts (1891-1969)

St. Joseph of Sault Ste Marie in 1938, assuming the name, Sister Agatha, in honour of her sister who had died three years before. She was living in the area which was being served by Sault Ste Marie. She continued her work as a teacher and taught in separate schools in North Bay, Sault Ste Marie, Schreiber, Fort William and Killarney; she also served as principal. Sister Agatha also served in the capacity of Superior of Our Lady of the Angels' Convent at Schreiber and of St. Joseph's Convent at Killarney. Sister was well known for her keen sense of humour, her cheerful disposition and her firm faith and trust in God. She served as a devoted and enthusiastic teacher until 1967. Following a six-month illness, she died on May 8, 1969, at St. Joseph's College Motherhouse in North Bay, just a few days before her 78th birthday. Bishop Alexander Carter of the diocese of Sault Ste Marie conducted the funeral Mass; burial took place at St. Mary's Cemetery at North Bay.



Sr. Mary Ann Conway (1899-1980)

MARY ANN CONWAY (1899-1980)

Mary Ann Conway was born in Barry's Bay on July 29, 1899, to Nicholas Conway and Ellen Irving. Mary Ann entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Pembroke on February 2, 1928, and took final vows on August 16, 1933. Mary Ann took on the religious name of Sr. St. Lawrence, which was the name of her parish; she also had a brother named Lawrence. Sr. St. Lawrence preferred to remain in the background and was very happy to assist with housework, particularly sewing, in various convents throughout the diocese. Sister was sacristan while at Killaloe, and during a 15-year stay at Douglas between August 1956 and August 1971. Sr. St. Lawrence was appointed to Barry's Bay for a 3-year period from August 1971 until August 1974. Sr. St. Lawrence also served at convents in Campbell's Bay and Chapeau as well as at the Motherhouse in Pembroke where she began and ended her career. Sr. St. Lawrence died on May 14, 1980.



Sr. Margaret Conway

MARGARET JANE CONWAY (1899)

Margaret Jane Conway was born in Brudenell on October 14, 1899, a daughter of Michael Conway and Ellen Whelan. The family lived at the homestead west of Barry's Bay, and Margaret attended elementary school at Barry's Bay and high school at Douglas. She began teaching at Halfway, a small community between Barry's Bay and Combermere. Entering the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Pembroke in July 1929, Margaret took the name of Sister St. Catherine, receiving the habit on January 4, 1930, along with five other young women. First vows were taken in January 1931 and final vows in January 1934. Meanwhile, Sister St. Catherine had begun teaching at St. Alphonsus' School in Chapeau, Quebec, in January 1931. In September 1933, Sr. St. Catherine began teaching at St. John the Evangelist School at Camp-

bell's Bay, Quebec, where she remained for ten years; she also assumed the position of sacristan during this term. In September 1943, Sr. St. Catherine began a 2-year teaching assignment at St. Joseph's School in Barry's Bay. Other teaching assignments in Quebec over the years were at St. Paul's School in Sheenboro, St. Mary's School in Quyon, St. Joseph's School in St. Joseph, and St. Elizabeth's School in Vinton. Other than the 2-year term at Barry's Bay, the only other Ontario locations were 1-year stays at Our Lady of Fatima in Renfrew and Holy Name in Pembroke. After a 35-year career as a teaching sister, Sister St. Catherine retired from teaching in 1966 and moved to the Motherhouse at Pembroke where she continued working as typist; she was sacristan for a 4-year period. In 1979, Sister Margaret Conway celebrated her golden jubilee along with three other sisters.



Sr. Mary Anne Levair, Sr. Catherine Levair

CATHERINE LEVAIR (1906)

Catherine Levair was born in Killaloe on February 23, 1906, a daughter of Thomas Levair and Mary Belaskie. After obtaining her early education in Killaloe, Catherine graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto as a registered nurse in 1930. By then, her mother had moved from Killaloe to live with her son, Walter, in Barry's Bay. Catherine also came to Barry's Bay where she did some private duty nursing. On February 11, 1932, taking the name Sr. Alexandrine, Catherine entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peterborough, receiving the habit of the order on August 15, 1932. At this time the Pembroke order did not serve in hospitals. Sr. Alexandrine was then assigned nursing duties at St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough, St. Joseph's Hospital in Estevan and St. Joseph's Hospital in Parry Sound; she has served in the capacity of private duty nurse, night supervisor, head nurse and director of nursing. Retirement

in 1975 took the form of a pastoral care course at St. Paul's University in Ottawa and a return to Parry Sound where she visits the sick in their homes, in homes for the aged and in hospitals. In 1982, Sister Catherine celebrated her golden jubilee, having served the Parry Sound area for 37 years. Patients at the hospital perk up when Sr. Catherine is around; having been in Parry Sound for so many years, she is able to talk with patients about people and places that are familiar to them. Sr. Catherine finds that doing a bit of walking helps her to keep fit and enjoys a game of bowling with friends.

MARY ANNE LEVAIR (1917)

Mary Anne Levair was born in Killaloe, on August 27, 1917, a daughter of Thomas Levair and Mary Belaskie. Other members of the family were: William (Gusta Lecovich), John (Lucy Chapeskie), Walter (Margaret Mousseau), Joseph (Louise Kedroskie), Sr. Catherine, Alex (Gertrude Remleskie and Rose Meleskie). Mrs. Levair and Mary Anne moved to Barry's Bay in 1928 to live with Walter; Mary Anne was confirmed at St. Lawrence's that year. She attended elementary school and then completed two years of high school at St. Joseph's in Barry's Bay before moving back to Killaloe in 1932 with her mother for a 3- or 4-year period. In September, 1942, Mary Anne entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Pembroke, taking the name, Sr. Anita; she received the habit the following March 19th. While in the novitiate, a study was made of the religious life of the sisters, while at the same time, working to maintain their own livelihood in the religious community. Final profession was made in 1947 and a brief period was spent in Renfrew and then Calabogie. Sr. Anita was a cook's helper for five years in the Chapeau convent and boarding school. Sr. Anita spent 18 years in St. Joseph's Convent at Barry's Bay; this was only interrupted by 8 months in Radville Community Hospital, Saskatchewan, and a year in St. Francis Memorial Hospital at Barry's Bay. All appointments were concerned with the preparation of meals. In 1968, St. Anita was transferred to St. Joseph's Academy in Renfrew.



Sr. Marion Noonan

MARION C. NOONAN (1913)

Marion Noonan was born in Perth on March 3, 1913, a daughter of George J. Noonan and Helen E. Chapman. Marion attended elementary school in Barry's Bay, and during this period, received First Communion and Confirmation at St. Lawrence's. Marion then went to Ottawa and obtained her high school education at Notre Dame Convent. The year Marion graduated, she won a scholarship offered by Loretto College, Toronto, which she attended for part of her university studies. The teachers at Notre Dame were sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. The congregation had been founded by Marguerite Bourgeoys who came to Canada in 1653. Marion entered this congregation in January 1933, taking the religious name of Sr. St. Madeline of Charity, and made her

religious profession in 1935. Sister Marion obtained her teacher's certificate at the Ottawa Normal School, a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Ottawa, and a Master's Degree in Mathematics at Columbia University in New York. Sr. Marion taught at Notre Dame College in Ottawa from 1935 to 1944, and at Marianopolis College in Montreal from 1944 to 1966; she served as dean of the college from 1952 to 1966. Sr. Marion was Education Councillor at Notre Dame Provincialate in Ottawa from 1966 to 1974. Returning to Montreal in 1974, St. Marion worked in the Archives Office at Marianopolis College and at the Catholic Information Centre. In 1979, Sr. Marion was named Superior at Holy Trinity Convent, and in 1980, was appointed Superior at McGregor Residence.



Sr. Margaret Sullivan Sr. Loretta Sullivan Sr. Genevieve Sullivan Sr. Leona Sullivan Sr. Patricia Sullivan

MARGARET EILEEN SULLIVAN (1916)

Margaret Sullivan was born in Barry's Bay on March 1, 1916, a daughter of Michael J. Sullivan and Catherine Quilty, and the eldest of five sisters who all joined the same order, the Congregation of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Congregation had its origin on November 10, 1845, under the direction of Rev. Louis Florent Gillet, a Redemptorist priest from France. Because Monroe, Michigan, located on the Raisin River just south of Detroit, was a fast-growing community, Fr. Gillet was concerned about the religious education of the children. For this reason, he sought out young women who would be willing to dedicate themselves to this ministry in the Church. Initially involved with teaching and taking care of orphans, the community presently has about 1000 members involved in a variety of further areas, such as in pastoral and social care, seminars and retreats, hospitals and administration of schools, hospitals and parishes. Margaret attended the elementary school in Barry's Bay and received her First Communion and Confirmation at St. Lawrence's. In 1927, the family moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Margaret attended St. Boniface, St. Gregory and St. Cecilia schools, later graduating from Marygrove College and the University of Detroit. Margaret entered the convent on June 21, 1932,

her religious name being Sr. Malachy. Sr. Margaret taught for nearly 40 years, sometimes as principal, in several Detroit schools as well as in Port Huron, Michigan. She worked with senior citizens at St. Mary of Redford Parish in Detroit for a period of 10 years, and in 1980, began parish work in Florida.

LORETTA SULLIVAN (1919)

Loretta Sullivan was born in Barry's Bay on November 17, 1919, a daughter of Michael J. Sullivan and Catherine Quilty. Loretta began elementary school in Barry's Bay before the family moved to Detroit where she attended St. Boniface, St. Gregory and St. Cecilia schools. Loretta entered the Congregation of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on August 15, 1935, taking the name Sr. Angela. Sr. Angela taught, sometimes serving as principal, in several Detroit schools as well as in Chicago, Illinois, and Coldwater, Michigan. Sr. Angela has done retreat work in Michigan and Florida, as well as in Ontario, and lately in Iowa.

GENEVIEVE SULLIVAN (1922)

Genevieve Sullivan was born in Barry's Bay on January 5, 1922, a daughter of Michael J. Sullivan and Catherine Quilty. Educated in Detroit at St. Boniface, St. Gregory

and St. Cecilia schools, Genevieve entered the Congregation of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on January 2, 1941, taking the name of Sr. Mary Clifford; first vows were taken on January 2, 1943. Besides teaching in Detroit elementary schools, Sr. Genevieve has taught at Ionia, Michigan and Mobile, Alabama. In 1972, after 29 years of teaching, and conscious of the great need to reach out more to the adult members of the Church, Sister Genevieve changed her ministry from the formal classroom to pastoral care, becoming pastoral assistant in Holland, Michigan.

LEONA SULLIVAN (1923)

Leona Sullivan was born in Barry's Bay on October 30, 1923, a daughter of Michael J. Sullivan and Catherine Quilty. Leona attended St. Gregory's and St. Cecilia's in Detroit and entered the Congregation of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 21, 1942, taking the name of Sr. Marie Sylvia. She received her B.A. from the University of Detroit. Sister taught in various schools in the Detroit area, was secretary in the rectory at St. Mary's of Redford Parish in Detroit, and school secretary in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She was Coordinator of Religious Education at St. Ephrem's in Sterling Heights, Michigan, and at Blessed Sacrament in Burlington, North Carolina. Sister Marie Sylvia then became K - 6 Grade Coordinator at St. William in Walled Lake, Michigan.

PATRICIA SULLIVAN (1926)

The tenth child and eighth daughter of Michael Sullivan and Catherine Quilty was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1926. Before Pat was a year old, the Sullivan family moved from Barry's Bay to Detroit, Michigan. Patricia attended St. Cecilia's School in Detroit, where she obtained her elementary and secondary education. On August 15, 1943, Patricia entered the Congregation of Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, located outside of Detroit. A year later, on August 15, 1944, Patricia received the religious habit and took the name of Sister Janet. After two more years in the Novitiate, Sister Janet began her Church Ministry as a Grade Two teacher at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral School in Detroit. This teaching ministry in the school setting continued until 1973, the last six years serving as Principal in St. John's School in Fenton, Michigan. Since 1973, Sister Janet has been in Pastoral Ministry, and is serving as Pastoral Minister and Principal in St. Mary's Parish in Charlotte, Michigan.

CARMEL MURRAY (1921)

Carmel Murray was born on September 22, 1921, in Barry's Bay, one of 8 children of Michael Murray and Mary Kiely. Carmel attended St. Joseph's elementary and secondary schools. In 1940, Carmel pursued a nursing career in Timmins, graduating from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in 1943; Carmel then worked at the



Sr. Carmel Murray

Ottawa General Hospital, also doing some private duty nursing. In September 1944, Carmel Murray, honouring her father by taking the name of Sr. Michaela, entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in North Bay, the Motherhouse for the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie; unlike Pembroke, this community had hospitals where the sisters were serving. Over the years, Sister Carmel has served in hospitals in North Bay, Sudbury, Little Current, Elliott Lake, Blind River and Thunder Bay in various capacities, including director of nursing. In the meantime, further studies were pursued at the University of Western Ontario in London and at the University of Ottawa, completing her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Education. In 1963, Sister Carmel expanded her expertise by attending Teachers' College in North Bay. Sister Carmel then taught at St. Joseph's College in North Bay, Nassau in the Bahamas, Mount St. Joseph College in Sault Ste Marie, St. Patrick's High School in Thunder Bay, and in White River in the role of principal. In later years, with the growing concern for people in nursing homes and homes for the aged, Sister Carmel turned her interests to these areas. A serious illness, resulting in open-heart surgery, has almost dictated that she must now take it easy, but Sr. Carmel still has plans to continue helping whenever and wherever she can.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of Canada was organized on June 17, 1920. The League provides a medium through which Catholic women might express themselves as one voice. Furthermore, the League seeks to unite women in a bond of fellowship for the furtherance of spiritual, cultural and intellectual interests. Many good works are performed in the local community.

The C.W.L. was organized in St. Lawrence's in October



Rev. J.E. Green

Mrs. David Villeneuve, Mrs. Howard Fox, Mrs. Leo Conway, Mrs. Christopher Corrigan, Mrs. Wilfred Peplinskie, Mrs. Henry Nicholson, Mrs. Thomas O. Murray, Mrs. Francis Conway, Mrs. Dowdall Murray, Mrs. Omer Conway, Mrs. Thomas F. Coulas, Mrs. Bert Kelly.

1922 with Mrs. M.E. Conway as president. The League continued until 1946 and it was inactive from then until resumption in 1954. A Diocesan Convention has been held in Barry's Bay on three Occasions: 1931, 1958, 1979. Mrs. Martin Daly has served as Diocesan President.

In the beginning, the efforts of the local C.W.L. went towards raising money to help finance a new school and convent in Barry's Bay. Many other charitable works have been done since then, including raising money for school materials, the hospital and the new church. The C.W.L. also provides dinners at funerals and banquets for special occasions such as anniversaries of priests.

The following parishioners have served as president:

- 1922-24 Mrs. Mary E. Conway
- 1924-26 Mrs. J.D. Dooner
- 1926-28 Mrs. C. Murray
- 1928-30 Mrs. Martin Daly
- 1930-32 Mrs. C. Murray
- 1932-34 Mrs. M.E. Conway
- 1934-36 Mrs. Martin Daly
- 1936-38 Mrs. T.P. Murray
- 1938-40 Mrs. C. McLaughlin
- 1940-42 Miss C. Whelan
- 1942-44 Mrs. D. Murray
- 1944-46 Mrs. Joseph O'Grady
- 1954-56 Mrs. Murray Daly
- 1956-58 Mrs. J.P. Conway
- 1958-60 Mrs. M.J. Kelly

- 1960-62 Mrs. Paul Yakabuski
- 1962-64 Mrs. Joseph O'Grady
- 1964-66 Mrs. Greg Sullivan
- 1966-67 Mrs. J.P. Conway
- 1967-69 Mrs. Wilfred Murray
- 1969-71 Mrs. Orville Kelly
- 1971-73 Mrs. Ethel Smith
- 1973-74 Mrs. Joan Kitts
- 1974-77 Mrs. Veronica Kelly
- 1977-80 Mrs. Lucy St. James
- 1980-82 Mrs. Carmel Rumleskie
- 1982-84 Mrs. Maureen Braceland

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The first Barry's Bay Columbus Council was formed in 1959, and was a club to the chartered Eganville Council. When Barry's Bay received its own charter on January 10, 1977, Ambrose Dwyer became the first Grand Knight of Council 6894. Not only is the Barry's Bay Council made up of members of St. Lawrence's and St. Hedwig's, but takes in Killaloe, Round Lake, Wilno, Combermere, Latchford Bridge, Madawaska and Whitney as well. Bancroft belonged to this council, but formed its own council in 1983. Rev. J.E. Green is the Chaplain of Council 6894.

PARISH PROJECT

In 1980, St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish participated in



*The Ha Family
Lim Lang, Leng, Chia, Li, Sen Chen*

the Canadian thrust to sponsor refugees from war-torn Kampuchea (then Cambodia).

Ha Sen Chen, his wife Lim Lang and three children, Chia, Leng and Li took up residence in the basement of "The Drumming Partridge" (apartment donated by Babette Brodie). The children attended St. Joseph's Elementary School and spoke English fluently by the end of the year. The parents integrated themselves well into the community. Sen, however, found working outside in the winter extremely difficult. The family found employment in Ottawa towards the end of their year of sponsorship, and moved there during the summer of 1981. Regular contact is still maintained with the parish. When the children were baptized in 1983, they all selected godparents from Barry's Bay. The family also came to take part in the 50th Anniversary celebrations in 1984.

Next, the parish sponsored another group made up of Lim Lang's sister Moui, brother Yong, nephew Khieng and niece Houi. They lived together in Ryan's Apartments for most of their first year. Yong, then Moui, found permanent employment in Toronto. It was decided to sponsor the two high school students, Khieng and Houi, for an additional year to allow Khieng to complete his Grade XIII in Barry's Bay. They lived with Gerard and Tish Boyer for the 1982-83 school year, at which time they moved on to Toronto to live with their aunt and uncle. Khieng is now studying Engineering at the University of Windsor and Houi is considering Pharmacology at the University of Toronto in the near future.

The parish is also fortunate to have known these newcomers to Canada and to appreciate their resilience in remaking their lives and in contributing to the parish and the country.

Special thanks go to Fr. J.E. Green who coordinated the parish effort, Catherine Corrigan, William Goulet and Babette Brodie who cared for household needs, Gerard Boyer, Anna Mary Ewing, Lucy St. James, Pat Radley-Walters, John Gill and the late Sister Anna Burke

for countless language lessons, the Boyer family for "fostering" Khieng and Houi, and to Madeleine Ryan, the Ha family's "guardian angel".

It is interesting to record, that less than an hour before Sister Anna's death, she phoned a parishioner to inquire as to Houi's well-being.



Khieng & Houi Lim

PRESENT FAMILY NAMES OF THE PARISH

"Noble, virtuous, grand old families, whatever your size and renown, whether Christian or pagan, whether of yesterday or today, true families founded on true love, and even those which bear the marks of some misguided ancestral relationships, I love each and all of you through the Creator of all things."

Joseph Jacquart

AFELSKIE

David Afelskie, a son of Benedict Afelskie and Teresa Sullivan of Killaloe, is married to Bonnie Kukhta, a daughter of Bernard Kukhta and Lois Fuller of Whitney.

ALECK

Peter Aleck is a son of Stephen Aleck and Catherine Blank of Madawaska.

AUGUST

Gerald August, a son of John August and Caroline Gutoskie of Madawaska is married to Gail Young, a daughter of Clayton Young and Ann Recoskie. Their daughter is Joanne.

Gerald's grandparents, Paul Gutoskie and Martha Boldt, attended St. Lawrence's about 1912 to 1920. Their children were: Agnes; Margaret; Mary; Kathleen; Ambrose (May 13, 1912 — June 30, 1984) married Isabel Carnival; Doreen; Claude; Caroline (c1915 — July 29, 1984) married John August; Beatrice (Charles Prince); Leanelle (Clarence Hildebrandt).

BERNARDE

Mary Kathleen Murray, a daughter of Thomas Patrick Murray and Johanna Kiely, married Dr. John Bernarde (died January 1968). Mary taught in Mississauga and returned to Barry's Bay after her husband's death. Their children are John T. (July 8, 1954 – June 22, 1979), Joan, Brigid, Rebecca and Gary.



Original Billings Hotel

JOHN BILLINGS

John Billings (1850 – March 9, 1925) was born near Osceola in Bromley Township, a son of Francis Billings and Bridget Devine. The family eventually moved to Brudenell. In 1872 John (or Josh) married Catherine O'Neill (died 1880). Josh obtained a stopping place from Thomas Culbertson at Bark Lake, west of Barry's Bay along the Opeongo Road. In time, Josh rented another stopping place, that of James Sullivan, east of Barry's Bay. A couple of years later, about 1894, Josh had a hotel built in Barry's Bay, just opposite the train station. Joe Prince, who had opened a retail business on the corner across from Drohan's Hotel (present-day F. Yakabuski Limited), provided Josh Billings with the necessary building materials, even though Josh did not have the money at the time. The hotel then was built on a handshake and as business prospered, Josh periodically sent his young son, Mark, with \$50 or \$100 at a time to pay off the debt. Finally, on one such occasion, Joe Prince said: "I think that's about it", and so the hotel was paid for. After experiencing a fire, it was necessary to rebuild the hotel in 1902. Before the days of running water, Josh used a windmill to pump water up to a tank on the top floor where gravity would provide it to the other floors below. In 1890 Josh Billings had married Mary Daly (c1861 – April 1, 1947), a daughter of Martin Daly and Mary McManus. Josh also farmed the island in the Bay for a while. The island was first farmed by Edward Williams, a native of Wales, and so was referred to as Welshman's Island (present-day Mask's Island).



Barmoral Hotel With Post Office At Left



Duke Of Windsor Presents Medal To John Billings

JOHN AND CATHERINE BILLINGS

The children of John Billings and Catherine O'Neill were: Anna Mary (1875-1875); Mary Ann (September 19, 1876 – March 1955) married George Turner; John (April 8, 1879 – January 9, 1926); William Bertran (September 18, 1880 – January 18, 1915).

John Jr. (Jack) served as a sergeant for the 38th Battalion in WWI. He won the Distinguished Conduct Medal and this was presented to him in Ottawa in 1919 by the Prince of Wales. After the war Jack became a game



Funeral Procession For John Billings From St. Hedwig's To St. Lawrence's in 1926

warden in the local area. His body, and that of a guide, were found near Whitney in a shanty which had burned to the ground. It was necessary to hold the funeral service at St. Hedwig's since St. Lawrence's could not accommodate the large number in attendance.

William (or Bert) married Catherine Etmanski (c1889 – April 1912). Their children were Laura Evelyn (August 27, 1908 – November 2, 1909) and Florence Mary (September 5, 1910 – September 5, 1910). Bert died following an explosion at the hotel while working on a gasoline engine.

JOHN AND MARY BILLINGS

The children of John Billings and Mary Daly were: Mark Leonard (February 16, 1893 – June 16, 1973) married Agatha Kitts; Michael James (1894 – September 14, 1937); Norma (1897 – June 16, 1936); Basil



Stasia (Billings) Dunnigan, Mary (Daly) Billings

(1899 – July 24, 1942); Anastasia (September 22, 1901 – September 28, 1962) married John Dunnigan on October 2, 1940; Mary (January 4, 1904 – January 4, 1904); James (October 28, 1905 – August 7, 1984).

Michael lived for a while in Saskatchewan, but died in a car accident west of Wilno. Norma worked at the Balmoral



Funeral Procession For Basil Billings in 1942



Frank Billings, William Billings, Mark Billings

Hotel and died of consumption. Basil, along with Stasia, ran the Beresford Hotel in Killaloe between 1920 and 1936. On March 10, 1920, Basil became the postmaster in Barry's Bay, the office now being located in a one-story building attached to the east side of the Balmoral Hotel. This continued to be the post office until the present post office on the Opeongo Line was opened on July 1, 1939. Basil was assisted by his brother James in running the post office. Also in the building attached to the Balmoral was a room where salesmen could come up from the city and spread out their wares for local storekeepers to view. Basil also served in WWI and WWII.

MARK LEONARD BILLINGS

Mark Leonard Billings married Agatha Cecilia Kitts, a daughter of Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray, on September 14, 1921. Mark was involved in many occupations. He was a teamster in lumber camps, operated a livery at the Balmoral Hotel, sold farm implements, delivered mail to Combermere and ran a taxi service when he obtained one of the first cars in Barry's Bay. For a period of almost 32 years, starting in 1932 and ending in 1963, he managed the Liquor Store which opened in September 1928 in a building (present-day North Country Fabrics) not far from the Balmoral Hotel. Their children are: Gwen (married Roy Woermke on October 6, 1951);



Gordon Billings (1893-1975)

Keith (November 2, 1923 – May 9, 1959); John Murray; Terrence.

Keith was a sectionman with the railroad and served in WWII, dying in a car accident. He married Minerva Hoare (1924 – August 22, 1971). Their children are Dennis (Mary Stephenson), Eric, Dawson and Glenn.

John, first a truck driver for Conway Lumber and then hotel manager, married Bernice O'Grady, a daughter of Joseph O'Grady and Teresa Costello, on September 4, 1950. Their children are: Basil Joseph (Beverly Christie); Joanne Mary (married John Olsen on August 6, 1977); John Grady; James Mark (Mary Callaghan); Jill.

Terrence, a Brewers' Retail employee in Barry's Bay, Deep River and Pembroke, married Dorothy Pick, a daughter of August Pick and Anna Romlewski. Their children are Brian, Michael and Sheila (Fred Ledoux).

MICHAEL BILLINGS

Michael Billings (August 8, 1859 – February 4, 1944) was a son of Francis Billings and Bridget Devine of Bromley Township; Bridget was living in Barry's Bay when she died in May 1901. Michael married Julia Delaney (April 15, 1869 – March 22, 1938), a daughter of Daniel Delaney and Mary Hogan of Brudenell, in 1889. Like his older brother Josh, Michael also came to Bark Lake and then to Barry's Bay where, being a harness-maker, he had a har-

ness shop (site of John Dunnigan's house today). Michael and Julia died in Ottawa. Their children were: Francis (November 3, 1889 — June 1974) moved to Vancouver; William (May 22, 1891 — September 18, 1915) drowned in Kamanisseg Lake, not far from Combermere; Gordon (September 1893 — 1975) served in WWI, then went to British Columbia where he worked for the railroad, and married Anna Fink; Lawrence (March 1895 — 1923); Philip (November 27, 1896 — 1978); Mary Violet (July 1, 1898) moved to Peterborough, marrying Leonard Vass; Guy (April 18, 1900); Gerald (November 3, 1902 — December 22, 1912); Veronica (March 3, 1905 — July 20, 1979) moved to Ottawa where she worked for the government; Joseph (June 9, 1907 — April 3, 1914); Ursula (April 2, 1909) was a teacher at Barry's Bay before marrying James Murphy and moving to Florida; Gertrude (November 12, 1912 — April 6, 1969) also taught at Barry's Bay.

BONNAH

Thomas Bonnah, a son of Joseph Bonnah and Mary Ward, married Anne Dwyer, a daughter of Cornelius Dwyer and Catherine Grier. Their children are Victor (c1906) and Leo (Doris LeBlanc). After Anne died, Thomas married Margaret Hudson and moved to Barry's Bay in 1914 where he worked at lumbering. A son, William Joseph, was born here.

BORUTSKI

August Borutski, a son of Anastaze Borutskie and Pauline Fleece of Round Lake, married Yvonne Page (January 6, 1918 — August 3, 1983).

Stanley Borutski, a son of Ben Borutski and Mary Petroskie of Wilno, is married to Linda Smaglinskie, a daughter of Sylvester Smaglinskie and Helen Coulas of Wilno. Their children are Lori, Wendy and Jamie.

BOYER

Gerard Boyer is married to Patricia Ling. Their children are Carolyn, Tracy, Liane and Thomas.

BRACELAND

Richard Braceland, a son of Maurice Braceland and Eva Gale, is married to Maureen Reynolds, a daughter of Gerald Reynolds and Margaret Conway. Their children are Adam, David and Bridget.

BREZENSKI

Edmund Brezenski, a son of Walter Brezenski and Martha Virkus, married Agnes Andrechek, a daughter of Angus Andrechek and Frances Pecoskie. Their children are James and Allan.

BRIGGS

Christopher Briggs, a son of Ronald Briggs and Lorraine Chapeskie, is married to Erin Kelly, a daughter of Orville Kelly and Mary Norlock of Windsor.

BRODIE

James Brodie (March 3, 1910 — January 20, 1977)

married Babette Langlois. They operated a gift shop west of Combermere before moving the business to Barry's Bay.

BURCHAT

Peter Burchat, a son of Ambrose Burchat and Ursula Maika, is married to Beverley Yantha, a daughter of Raymond Yantha and Theresa Matasheskie. Their daughters are Nicole and Amy.

CHAPESKIE

Clifford Chapeskie, a son of Stanley Chapeskie and Rose Prince, is married to Rita Perrier, a daughter of Joseph Perrier and Agnes Ruddy of Combermere. Their children are: Garry married Leona Dombroskie, a daughter of Stanley Dombroskie and Appolonia Hudder, on October 6, 1973; Dennis married Deborah Whelan; Kevin married Donna Etmanskie, a daughter of Adam Etmanskie and Sally Trebinskie.

Clifford's grandparents, Henry Chapeskie and Lucy Vitkuskie, attended St. Lawrence's from at least 1903 to 1913. Some of their children making a First Communion or Confirmation here were Agnes, Julia, Henry, Catherine, Stanley and Esther. Julia married Frank Yakabuski, a son of Henry Yakabuski and Josephine Yantha, on September 8, 1914.



Constance (Sprenger), Anthony Chippure

CHIPPURE

Anthony Nicholas Chippure, (July 10, 1914 — May 28, 1983) a son of Anthony Chippior and Louisa Trebinskie, served overseas in WWII and married Constance Sprenger, a daughter of Constant H.C. Sprenger and Tryntje Van der Ben of Holland. Tony worked for Brewers' Retail upon his return. Their children are: Robert married Susan Pecarski, a daughter of Adolph Pecarski and Lucy Belaskie; Sylvia married Silas Dombroskie, a son of Theodore Dombroskie and Josephine Luckasavitch, on September 4, 1971; Anthony Peter married Joyce Dorman on October 6, 1979; Jocelyn married

Benedict Norlock, a son of Martin Norlock and Josephine Yakabuskie on July 21, 1984; Gwendolyn.

Tony's parents, Anthony and Louisa, attended St. Lawrence's at least during the period 1923 to 1925.



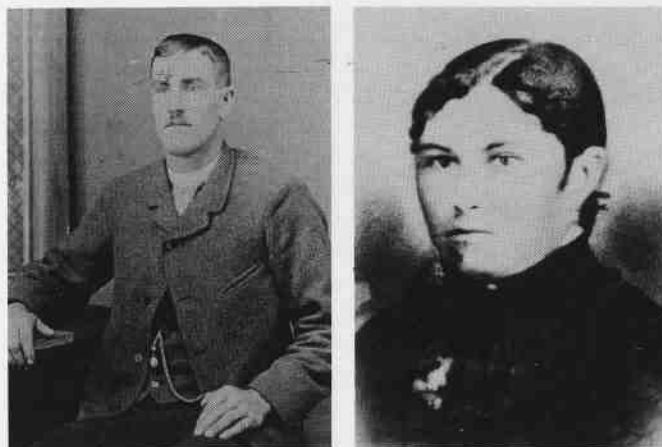
Michael Conway (1829-1901) Margaret (Mulvihill) Conway

CONWAY

Michael Conway (1829 — March 11, 1901), a son of Patrick Conway and Honora Shaughnasy of Ireland, settled for a while in Admaston Township. In Renfrew, on August 12, 1855, he married Margaret Mulvihill (c1834 — January 3, 1909), a daughter of Nicholas Mulvihill and Mary Kennelly, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and had come to Canada about 1851. They moved west along the Opeongo Road, settling in Jones Township near Bark Lake, obtaining the deed to Lots 148 and 149, Range B South, on December 3, 1872; this would suggest that they applied for the land at least by 1868. Michael had a great love for and much experience with horses, and in addition to farming, operated a stopping place. Their children were: Hanora (December 23, 1856 — September 3, 1934) married James Sullivan; Maria (c1858 — July 27, 1931) married Michael Whelan; Michael (May 30, 1864 — December 8, 1920) married Ellen Whelan and Mary Ellen McNamara; Nicholas John (March 31, 1867 — June 21, 1936) married Ellen Irving; Catherine (1868); Patrick (1869); Thomas Patrick (February 4, 1871 — October 25, 1949) married Clare Kitts; Margaret Ann (March 26, 1874 — January 23, 1958) married Michael John Devine, a son of Michael Devine and Honora Shaughnessy, on October 17, 1898, living in Killaloe and later Iroquois Falls, her second husband being George Wilkes. Catherine and Patrick died in childhood.

MICHAEL CONWAY (1864-1920)

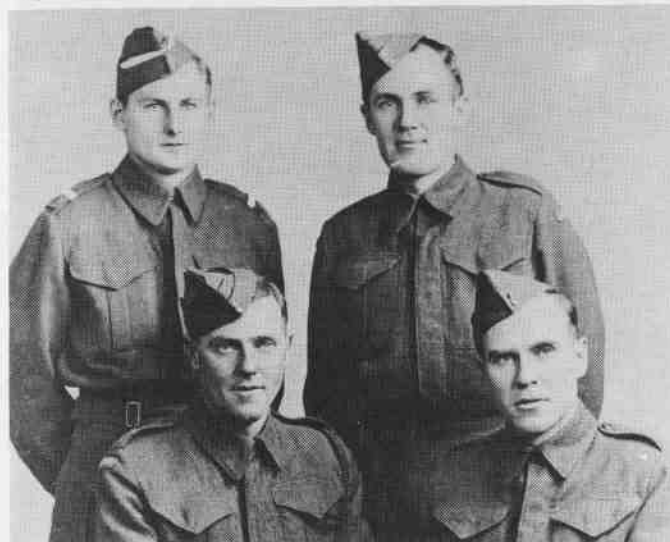
Michael Conway obtained the original 100 acres of farmland from his father; he married Ellen Whelan, a daughter of James Whelan of Brudenell. Their children were: Michael Sylvester (April 12, 1890 — August 5, 1978) married Mary Ellen Quinn and lived in Kitchener;



Michael Conway (1864-1920) Ellen (Whelan) Conway

Mary Teresa (February 17, 1893 — August 5, 1974) married William Irving and lived in Pembroke; James Whelan (June 5, 1895 — November 9, 1973) married Irene Kruger; Thomas Harold (June 10, 1897 — November 8, 1968) moved to Detroit, marrying Muriel Rae Richer; Margaret Jane (October 14, 1898) became Sister Catherine; John Patrick (February 18, 1902 — April 21, 1982) married Grace Gorman; Bernadette (September 30, 1904) married Thomas J. Kennedy and lives in Thunder Bay; Isaiah (January 11, 1907 — May 17, 1963) moved to Kirkland Lake, marrying Bernadette LaRonde.

After Ellen's death, Michael married Mary Ellen McNamara (October 1, 1872 — September 1943), a teacher and daughter of Patrick McNamara and Ellen Ring of Brudenell, on April 29, 1908, in Killaloe. Mary was the first President of the Catholic Women's League when organized in Barry's Bay. Their children are: Timothy (March 27, 1909 — April 1, 1909); Martin Francis (June 12, 1910 — January 31, 1978) married Helen Roche, a daughter of John Roche and Margaret Harrington, and lived in Ottawa; Helen Mary (June 20, 1914 — August 28, 1958) worked in Kingston as a nurse.



BACK: Thomas Conway, Martin Conway; FRONT: William Conway, Leo Conway.



James W. Conway & Irene (Kruger)

JAMES WHELAN CONWAY

James Whelan Conway, a lumberman, married Irene Kruger (June 16, 1898), a daughter of Joseph Kruger and Catherine Sumstrum of Algona Township, in 1927. Their children are: Raymond; Mary (Al Stacey); James A.; Pearl married Colin McGrath on June 19, 1955; Omer; Neomi Ann married Joseph Power on July 8, 1957; Philip; Catherine married Cecil Sullivan on October 6, 1958; Bernadette married Paul Recoskie, a son of Ambrose Recoskie and Rose Chippior, on June 9, 1958; Cecilia.

Raymond married Alma Patricia Robinson (March 22, 1929 – August 18, 1968), a daughter of John Robinson and Gertrude Quinn, in 1951. Ray has moved his business, Conway's Garage, from a main street location (formerly Cybulski's Garage and today replaced by Lorraine's Pharmacy) to a new location just east of the village. Ray has served as councillor, as well as fire chief for Sherwood, Jones and Burns. Their children are: Kevin Bernard; Clayton married Jill Wernham, a daughter of



(L. to R.) James A., Omer, Philip, Raymond, James W. Conway, Irene (Kruger), Pearl, Neomi, Catherine; Bernadette and Cecilia in Front - 1957.

Gordon Wernham and Alice Sidler on December 26, 1981; Tanya married Vergil Yantha, a son of Sylvester Yantha and Celestine Golka, on August 24, 1985; George; Morgan (February 9, 1964 – July 12, 1985); Mavourneen. After Alma's death, Ray married Alice Sidler.

James A. married Monica Fitzpatrick. Jim owned and operated Gulf Oil until his new business, Dixie Lee, opened. Their children are: Valerie married James Manion on June 18, 1981; Bernard; Vivian; Audrey; Camille married Kevin Bray, a son of John Bray and Teresa Kuiack, on October 8, 1983.

Omer, an employee of the Department of Highways, married Joan Beach, a daughter of Thomas Beach and Alice Martin of Killaloe, in 1955. Their children are Daniel, Earl, Robert, David and Nancy.

Philip taught school at Whitney and Peterborough and spent several years as an insurance agent in Kitchener before returning to Barry's Bay. He married Helen Cannon, a daughter of Joseph Cannon and Mary Sheridan of Maynooth. Their children are Michael (Lorna Smithson), Elizabeth, Colleen (Larry Duthie) and Peter.

JOHN PATRICK CONWAY

John Patrick Conway married Grace Gorman (1904 – November 25, 1979). Jack, a lumberman, was mill superintendent for the Barry's Bay Lumber Company. In August 1942, Jack took over operation of the planer from that company at a location on the Bay (Lakeshore Autobody today). A sawmill was constructed in 1943. From 1942 to 1949 this plant supplied electrical power to the village. Jack also served as a councillor for Barry's Bay, and as secretary-treasurer for the separate school board. Their son is John Patrick who married Lucy Marquardt, a daughter of Ed Marquardt of Combermere.



John P. Conway & Grace (Gorman)

NICHOLAS JOHN CONWAY

Nicholas John Conway married Ellen Irving (November 17, 1873 – April 6, 1958), a daughter of Patrick Irving of Pembroke, in 1896. Nicholas obtained farmland on Trout Lake, adjacent to his father's property. Ellen came to this region as its first teacher, and started school



Thomas P. Conway & Nicholas J. Conway

on May 8, 1893. Their children are: Michael Joseph (January 15, 1897 – February 27, 1971); Mary Ann (July 29, 1899 – May 14, 1980) became Sister St. Lawrence; Patrick (June 29, 1901 – January 30, 1982); Nicholas Isaiah (January 14, 1903); Timothy Joseph (June 26, 1905 – December 15, 1946) worked in lumbering and tourism; Leo Thomas (June 13, 1907 – May 4, 1964); William John (March 28, 1910 – April 26, 1985); Margaret Loretta married Gerald Reynolds on September 29, 1943; Lawrence Gerald (June 18, 1914 – May 23, 1972) farmed and drove a school bus; Francis James. Five Conways married teachers.

Mick, a lumberman and truck driver, married Mary



Sons Of Nicholas Conway And Ellen Irving, Leo, Lorne, Francis, Mick, Nixie, Willie, Tim

Harrington, a teacher and daughter of Dennis Harrington and Catherine Walsh, in 1938. Their two sons are Rev. Terrence and Leonard who married Maureen May, a daughter of Isaiah May and Frances Finucane.

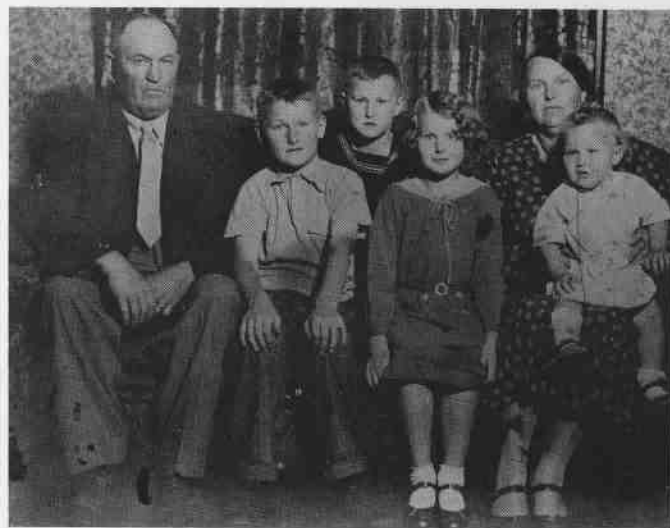
Paddy, a bookkeeper, married Frances Fleming, a teacher and daughter of John T. Fleming and Barbara Roche, in 1935. Their children are: Brian; Hilary; Denise married Barry Crawford; Keith married Gwen Gutoskie, a daughter of Cecil Gutoskie and Rita Coulas; Neil.

Nixie, a sawyer, married Mary Fleming, a teacher and daughter of John T. Fleming and Barbara Roche, in 1938. Their children are: Gregory married Charlotte Voldock, a daughter of John Voldock and Johanna Luckasavitch; Barbara.

Leo operated Conway Cartage and married Mercedes Harrington, a teacher and daughter of Dennis Harrington and Catherine Walsh. Their children are: Anne; Marie married Dennis Hawden on November 18, 1972; Timothy Joseph married Lynda Millar; Patricia married Daniel Nicholson, a son of Henry Nicholson and Agnes Etmanskie, on July 7, 1979; Dennis; Ellen.

Willie, a lumberman and carpenter, married Marion Nicholson, a daughter of Harold Nicholson and Mary Zilney, on February 4, 1961. Their children are Harold Nicholas and William John.

Francis, a filer, married Teresita Murray, a teacher and daughter of Thomas P. Murray and Johanna Kiely, on August 3, 1948. Their children are Joseph Francis (Carole Devine), Sean (Liberal M.P.P. for Renfrew North and Ontario Minister of Education), Kevin (Helen Condron), Barry (Mary McDonnell), Sheila, Murray and Michael (Marie Dowling).



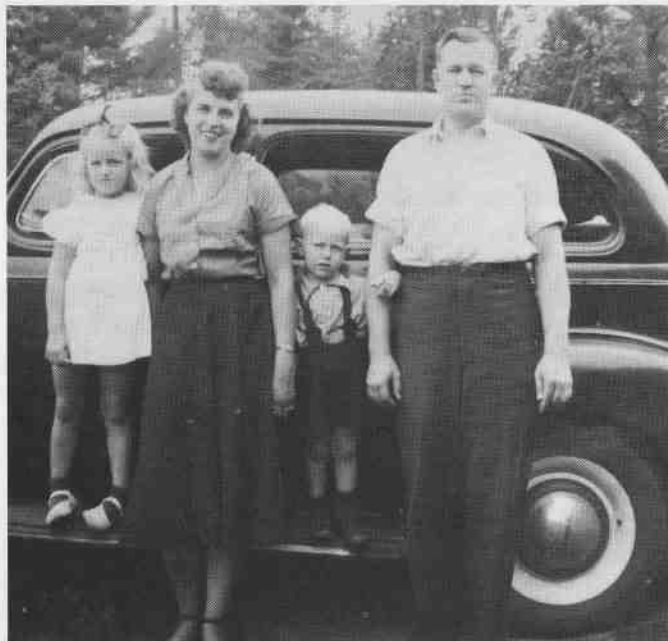
Thomas P. Conway & Clara (Kitts), Thomas, Matthew, Doreen, Teresa.

THOMAS PATRICK CONWAY

Thomas Patrick Conway, a lumberman, married Clare Kitts, a daughter of Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray, on January 2, 1922. For many years Tom was chairman of the separate school board, having also served as a trustee for the public school board. Their children are: Thomas

A. (October 23, 1922 — April 19, 1974); Doreen Mary (April 6, 1924 — December 21, 1974) married Paul Yakabuski on December 7, 1946; Matthew has been an insurance broker in the area; Teresa is a nurse in Toronto.

Thomas A. married Joan M. Ready (c1929 — August 3, 1983). Tom served Barry's Bay in the capacity of councillor and reeve as well as member of the separate school board. Their children are Jane, Thomas Lawrence and Sarah.



Patricia, Anne (Blimkie), Robert, Christopher Corrigan.

CORRIGAN

Christopher Corrigan (October 11, 1919 — March 26, 1962), a son of John Corrigan and Cecilia McKay, was the first manager of the Brewers' Retail Store which opened in Barry's Bay on September 16, 1949. Chris' wife, Anne Blimkie, a daughter of Martin Blimkie and Bertha Linde, and family moved here from Pembroke in January 1950. Chris' great-grandparents, Thomas Corrigan and Julia Delaney, came from County Kilkenny, Ireland, about 1849, settling first in Huntley, and then at Brudenell when the Opeongo Road opened up the area. Their children are: Patricia married Michael Kulas on June 27, 1964; Robert; James married Audrey Shulist, a daughter of Alex Shulist and Barb Kutchkoskie; Dennis married Arlene Yantha, a daughter of Alex Yantha and Agnes Yutronkie; Ralph.

Robert married Catherine Vernon, a daughter of Howard Vernon and Margaret Kehoe, in 1969. Their children are Shannon, Sean, Robin and Meghan.

COULAS

Thomas F. Coulas, a son of Francis A. Coulas and Mary Yakabuski, married Susan Strack, a daughter of Vincent Strack and Anastasia Borutski. His residence and auto repair shop were directly across from St. Lawrence's; accordingly, the family attended both St. Hedwig's and

St. Lawrence's. Their children are: Lavina (Norman Coughlan); Mildred (John Batky); Percy married Frances Cybulski, a daughter of Frank F. Cybulski and Mary Omanique; Sydney; Weldon; Jerome (October 30, 1945 — April 29, 1975) married Shirley Serran, a daughter of Frank Serran and Annie Lehovitch; Pauline (June 21, 1949 — November 27, 1978) married James Silkie on September 30, 1972; Thomas (Debbie Urban).

Joseph Henry Coulas, a son of Henry Coulas and Magdalene Bleskie, married Mary Ritza, a daughter of Michael Ritza and Mary Ann Pershick, on November 27, 1907, attending the parish into the 1920s. Children are: Ambrose (June 11, 1909 — June 21, 1910); Stella (Dominic Palubeskie); Evelyn (Joseph Sulpher); Andrew Henry (Josephine Fisher); Lawrence (Agnes Andrechek); Mary Ellen (Jerry Amlinger); Angus; Dorothy (Thad Maika).

John J. Coulas and Emma Boldt attended this parish about 1918-1928. Children are Albert (Florence Shalla), Mary, Thomas, Stella (Thomas Shushack and Francis Malone) and Leona.

COWAN

William John Cowan (September 8, 1904 — July 8, 1969), a son of Frederick Cowan and Bridget Seguin, married Martha Zilney (January 6, 1914 — February 22, 1966), a daughter of Martin Zilney and Julia Pecoskie in 1931. Bill worked for local lumber companies and joined the armed forces during WWII and served overseas. Their children are: Wilfred; Gilbert married Anna Herron, a daughter of John Herron and Mary Ann Yakabuskie; Marilyn married Leo Ostroskie, a son of Leo Ostroskie and Mary Chapeskie, of Wilno, on October 2, 1954; Gerald married Shirley Parisien, a daughter of Medie Parisien and Catherine Cowan; Norbert; Alvin married Margaret McArthur, a daughter of Harvey McArthur and Catherine Etmanskie, on July 31, 1971; Carnell; Melinda (Kenneth Beggs).

Wilfred married Josephine Herron, a daughter of John Herron and Mary Ann Yakabuskie. Their children are: Angela; Patrick; William; David; Sandra married Bradford Jones, a son of Hilary Jones and Rachel Chapeskie, on June 28, 1980; Thelma; Kevin.

George Cowan, a son of Frederick Cowan and Bridget Seguin, married Ann Norlock, a daughter of Casimir Norlock and Mary Ann Maika, on November 27, 1945. Their children and Viola, Roy and Kenneth.

CYBULSKI

Jerome Cybulski, a son of Stanley Cybulski and Agatha Herron, married Viola Serran, a daughter of Charles Serran and Annie Shushack, on July 10, 1970.

David Cybulskie, a son of Alex Cybulskie and Marie Robyn, married Shirley Rumleskie, a daughter of Leonard Rumleskie and Evelyn Dombroskie, on September 17, 1983. Their children are James and Glen.

Joseph Cybulski and Mary Peirunek attended this parish from about 1917 to 1928. Their children are:

Harold (Martha Andrechek), Walter (October 11, 1910 – May 11, 1978), Gertrude (Dominic Chippior), Albert (Gertrude Banks), Sr. Anna, Agnes (Wilfred Churter), Arthur (Lillian King), Rita, Joseph (Evelyn Luckasavitch), Patricia (Ambrose Shulist). Walter married Ilo Elizabeth Anderson, and continued to attend St. Lawrence's; their son is Earl (Barbara Kubusheskie).



Margaret (Cull) & Martin J. Daly

DALY

Michael Daly married Margaret Murray, a daughter of Michael Murray and Mary Green. They lived on a farm in the Siberia region of Sherwood Township. Their children were: Nellie (George Perrigo); Anne (Thomas Belkwell); Susan; Michael Joseph; Rachel (Gagnon); Mary married Edward Cuddy in 1897; Elizabeth J. (Con Shields); John James (March 22, 1886).

Martin J. Daly (1876 – March 29, 1960), a son of Thomas Daly and Margaret O'Grady of Brudenell, married Margaret Cull (1882 – January 4, 1943), a daughter of Patrick Cull and Bridget Murray of Douglas, in 1904. Martin was in the tie and pulpwood business and was clerk-treasurer of Barry's Bay. Margaret taught in Hagarty Township and was an active member of the C.W.L., serv-



Daughters Of Martin Daly And Margaret Cull, Mildred, Margaret, Flora, Drucilla.



Murray J. Daly (1914-1980)

ing as local as well as diocesan president. Their children are: Drucilla (April 9, 1906 – July 20, 1982), a teacher, married Michael Hourigan, and lived in St. Catharines; Flora worked in the field of education in California; Thomas Joseph (March 24, 1910 – April 28, 1911); Margaret (August 12, 1911 – July 20, 1981), a teacher of nursing, married Harold Kane and lived in Guelph; Mildred, a hospital administrator, married John Gillroy, and lived in Connecticut before returning to Barry's Bay; Murray Joseph (April 16, 1914 – April 12, 1980); Teresa (October 15, 1915 – September 25, 1917); Wilfred (or Bill) is a mining engineer in Edmonton.

Murray Joseph Daly married Helen Rankin, a daughter of Thomas J. Rankin and Helena Roche of Killaloe. Murray established a lumber business and was active in the community as councillor and reeve of Sherwood, Jones and Burns, as well as warden of Renfrew County in 1960. Murray served on committees responsible for building the original community centre (west part of Valu-mart parking lot) and Madawaska Valley District High School; he also served on the Assessment Review Board for Renfrew County and was involved in introducing the first telephone service to Barry's Bay. Their children are Kathryn, Peter, Paul and Maureen.

Two brothers, Ruebin Daly (1897 – March 1957), a farmer and WWI soldier, and Joseph Daly (October 19, 1900 – May 1975), a farmer and husband of Agnes Plebon, are buried in St. Lawrence's cemetery. Joseph's

son, Leonard, is married to Irene Stoppa, a daughter of Anthony Stoppa and Mary Zelney; their children are Patrick and Darwin. Another son, William, is married to Joan Yakabuskie, a daughter of Peter Yakabuskie and Jean Stoppa of Westmeath; their children are Christopher, Patricia, Jennifer and Jeffrey.

DAYMENT

Barbara Cahill, a daughter of Edgar Cahill and Grace Harrington, is married to Emmerson Dayment. Their son is Shawn.

DEVENISH

Ed Devenish, married to Elizabeth Low, operated a real estate business. Their children are: Susan married Robert Rehberger on October 1, 1975; Ed; Patrick.

DOMBROSKIE

Aloysius Dombroskie, a son of Peter Dombroskie and Helen Lorbetskie, is married to Merita Coulas, a daughter of Dominic A. Coulas and Tessie Palubiskie. Their children are Barry, James and Keith.

Andrew Dombroskie, a son of Nicholas Dombroskie and Mary Cybulskie, is married to Shirley Hudder, a daughter of Frank Hudder and Frances Dombroskie. Their children are Julie and Jason.

Edward Dombroskie, a son of Nicolas Dombroskie and Mary Cybulskie, is married to Doreen Pecarskie, a daughter of Joseph Pecarskie and Agnes Murack. Their children are Shelly and Christopher.

Raymond Dombroskie, a son of Valentine Dombroskie and Mary Cybulskie, is married to Joanne Biskup, a daughter of Bronas Biskup and Barbara Belkwell. Their children are Ronald and Rachel.

DOYLE

Rose Ann Kitts (October 29, 1882 — November 3,



William Doyle, Rose Ann (Kitts)

1972), a daughter of Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray, married William Doyle (September 12, 1883 — September 13, 1949), a son of Dennis Doyle and Bridget McGrath of Ruby, on October 16, 1917. William was a barber and learned the trade in Pembroke before working with Joe Cybulskie in Barry's Bay. After their marriage, the couple lived briefly in Ottawa and then at Ruby where Justine (John Gaudet) was born. The family moved to Cormac where William, along with his brother-in-law, John Kitts, started a general store; Charles was born there. Shortly after the death of Charles Kitts, the family relocated to Barry's Bay where Lois (married Orville Kelly, a son of Micahel Kelly and Catherine Drohan, on January 25, 1947) was born. The building, which once housed an ice cream parlour, now gave way to a barber shop and the office of Dr. Wheeler who lived upstairs; there was even a shop upstairs operated by a Mrs. Flynn who sold hats. William served as chairman and trustee of the separate school board.

DRAKER

Cecilia Heemskerk is married to Gary Draker.



Jerome Dunnigan, Ann Turner, Stasia Billings, John Dunnigan, Mrs. John Billings; Rev. M.S. McNamara, Rev. J.J. Hogan, Rev. D.J. Breen - 1940

DUNNIGAN

John Dunnigan, a son of Thomas Dunnigan and Catherine Foran of Brudenell, married Anastasia Billings (September 22, 1901 — September 28, 1962), a daughter of John Billings and Mary Daly, on October 2, 1940. Stasia lived in Killaloe, managing the Beresford Hotel with her brother Basil from 1920 to 1936, returning then to manage the Balmoral in Barry's Bay; John also took part in the operation of the hotel.

In earlier days, Michael Dunnigan operated a general store (merchandise and liquor) in Barry's Bay. This building became the store first operated by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario in Barry's Bay; later there was a barber shop operated by Joseph Shushack upstairs. Mick was married to Catherine Kirwan, a daughter of Barclay Kirwan and Catherine Costello of Brudenell. Their children were Patrick Joseph (March 30, 1902) and Mary Catherine (Mary 13, 1904). The family moved west to Alberta where some of Mick's brothers were farming.



Children of John Joseph Dwyer & Alice Etmanskie, BACK: Ambrose, Edward; MIDDLE: Helen, Margaret, Rita; FRONT: Maxine, Rose Mary, Jean.

DWYER

John Joseph Dwyer (July 3, 1888 — November 26, 1976) married Alice Etmanskie (June 21, 1902 — August 17, 1980), a daughter of John Etmanskie and Mary Kedroskie, in 1923. John Joe delivered the rural mail at Ruby before moving in 1936 to Barry's Bay where he worked as a labourer in various areas. Their children are: Rita married Wilfred Murray, a son of Charles Murray and Anna Roche, on October 20, 1952; Edward (October 16, 1927 — September 21, 1973) married Dorothy York and was in the services from 1951 to 1955; Margaret married John Beach on June 7, 1954; Ambrose, in the services from 1952 to 1955, went to Korea, and later was instrumental in forming Branch 406 of the Royal Canadian Legion, serving as President for 1968-70; Helen married Anthony Murphy on September 28, 1957; Maxine married Kenneth McNeeley on February 15, 1958; Rose Mary married Andrew Gutoskie, a son of Thomas Gutoskie and Agnes Prince of Killaloe, on September 1, 1958; Jean married Brian Madigan, a son of

James Madigan and Gertrude Helferty, on May 23, 1966.

ETMANSKIE

Edmund Etmanskie, a son of Martin Etmanskie and Agnes Cybulskie of Wilno, married Diane Rumleskie, a daughter of Leonard Rumleskie and Evelyn Dombroskie, on May 9, 1975. Their children are Bradley, Colleen, Mary Ann and Karen.

Thomas Etmanskie, a son of Felix Etmanskie and Helen Cybulskie, is married to Carolyn Hudder, a daughter of Frank Hudder and Frances Dombroskie. Their children are Connie and Timothy.

John Etmanskie and Mary Kedroskie attended St. Lawrence's at least from 1907 to 1913 when three of their children, Angus, Barbara (Thomas O'Malley) and Alice (J.J. Dwyer) received first Communion and Confirmation.

EWING

Anna Mary Murray, a teacher and daughter of Charles Murray and Anna Roche, married George Ewing (September 19, 1911 — December 18, 1972), on January 12, 1948.

FINN

Lorraine Finn (née Jean) has two children, Sean and Shannon.

FINNERTY

John Finnerty is a son of Thomas Finnerty of Brudenell.

In 1912-13 Simon Finnerty, married to Lucy J. Sullivan, operated the Balmoral Hotel; their children were Mary Lucy and Cecilia Margaret.

FLYNN

Patrick Joseph Flynn, an automotive parts salesman and son of Michael Flynn and Kathleen Green of Maynooth, is married to Dolores Biernacki, a daughter of Anthony Biernacki and Clare Hildebrandt. They have two children: Beverly married Peter Glofcheskie on August 30, 1975; Patrick Dennis.

Patrick Dennis married Lorraine May, a daughter of Kevin May and Angela Mullin, on September 16, 1978. Their children are Dawn, Patrick Ian, and Erin.

FOX

Howard Fox, a son of Alfred Fox and Bertha McCullough, came to Barry's Bay from Whitney when Alfred was appointed station master from 1941 to 1949. Howard married Mary Etmanskie, a daughter of Allan Etmanskie and Magdalen Blank. Howard served in England, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium and Holland in WWII. Their children are: Gloria Ann, married to Daniel Parks, has two children, Jason and Shane; Irene married John Boldt; Jean, married to Thomas Sayyea on June 28, 1969, has two children, Steven and Rhonda; Patricia married James Terriberry.

GAUTHIER

Rita Gutoskie, a daughter of Bernard Gutoskie and Mary Drohan, married Roland Gauthier. Their children are Ann (Jerry Porath) and Bernadette (Jean Dutrisac).

GAYLORD

Rosemary Rachotte is married to Lewis Gaylord.

GLISINSKI

Frank J. Glisinski (April 14, 1898 — October 21, 1978), a son of Casimir Glisinski and Pauline Pecaskie, married Florence Lipp, and retired to Barry's Bay from Toronto.

GLOFCHESKIE

Peter Glofcheskie, a son of Bronas Glofcheskie and Zita Shalla, married Beverly Flynn, a daughter of Patrick Flynn and Dolores Biernacki, on August 30, 1975. Their children are Sarah and Sam.

Michael Glofcheskie, a son of Gilbert Glofcheskie and Margaret Yantha, is married to Val Marie Yantha, a daughter of Alphonse Yantha and Marie Fitzgerald of Combermere.

GOULET

William J. Goulet, a son of William Goulet and Theresa McElligott of Eganville, is married to Barbara Mintha, a daughter of Dominic Mintha and Mary Biernaski. Their children are David and Paul.

GREEN

Catherine O'Gorman, widow of Joseph Michael Green, serves as housekeeper at the rectory. Her children are Rev. John E., Jean (William Owens), Gorman (Agnes Arcand), Gregory (Joan O'Gorman), Jerome and Francis.

Jerome is married to Diane Calder. Their children are William, Francis, Tracey and Kelly.

GUTOSKIE

Michael Gutoskie, a son of Albert Gutoskie and Mary Yantha, married Ardella Schutt, a daughter of Lavern Schutt and Hazel Michaelis, in October 1975. Their children are Derek and Ian.

HIGGINS

Sharon Heffernan is married to Gary Higgins. Their son is Troy.

HOWE

Robert Howe is married to Valerie Harpell. Their children are Blake, Eric and Adam.

HUDDER

Garnet Hudder, a son of Joseph Hudder and Frances Dombroskie of Rockingham, is married to Elaine O'Reilly. Their son is Craig.

HUESTIS

Jennifer Yakabuski, a daughter of Paul Yakabuski and

Doreen Conway, married Eric T. Huestis on August 24, 1968. Their children are Konrad and Kristin.

JEFFREY

John Jeffrey, a son of Henry Jeffrey and Victoria Prince of Tramore, is married to Ursula Borutski, a daughter of Anthony Borutski and Agnes Kuiack of Hopefield. Their children are Keith, Scott and Cameron.



Ellen Mary (Kirwan) Jordan

JORDAN

Thomas P. Jordan (1857 — October 17, 1946) of Eganville came to Barry's Bay and worked as a lumberman and then on the railroad. He married Ellen Mary Kirwan, a daughter of Barclay Kirwan and Catherine Costello of Brudenell. Their children were: Patrick (1896 — March 13, 1921); Louise (c1897); Barclay (July 17, 1899 — October 11, 1964) was on the clerical staff of J.R. Booth; Thomas Joseph (1901 — February 10, 1984); Mary Ann (January 15, 1903 — March 7, 1976); Sadie (May 9, 1906 — March 7, 1982) worked at the bank for 40 years, retiring on May 31, 1966; William (January 11, 1909 — September 30, 1909).

Ann, a granddaughter of Thomas P. Jordan, married James O'Connor in 1956.

KELLY

Michael James Kelly (October 4, 1888 — December 31, 1951), a son of Hugh Kelly and Mary Mulroy of Eganville, married Katherine Drohan (October 30, 1891 — April 11, 1977), a daughter of James Drohan and Margaret Kirwan. Michael was a section foreman for the railroad, and was stationed at Renfrew and Madawaska before settling in Barry's Bay in 1938. Michael also

served in WWI. Their children are Barclay Cyril (September 16, 1923 — March 29, 1975) and Orville.

Barclay (or Bert) married Veronica Laginski, a daughter of Stephen Laginski and Mary Leahy of Whitney, on September 17, 1948. Bert has worked in both lumbering and mining, commuting daily as far as Arnprior and Bancroft. Their children are: Ethel married Dennis Albertini on June 28, 1975; Michael (Anne Foran); Carmel married David Rumleskie on June 22, 1974; Paul; Peter (Susan McNamara); Christopher; Gregory; D'Arcy; Grace; Sean; Maureen.

Orville married Lois Doyle, a daughter of William Doyle and Rose Ann Kitts on January 25, 1947. Orville started work for the Brewer's Retail Store on Bay Street (present-day Radio Shack), serving briefly as manager in Petawawa in 1961 before returning to Barry's Bay as manager in 1962. On March 24, 1969, a new store opened on Opeongo Line at the site of the former St. Joseph's High School. Their children are: Terry (Nancy White); Catherine (William Wrencliff); Daniel (Brenda McCullough); Mary married Ambrose Burchat, a son of Ambrose Burchat and Ursula Maika, on June 25, 1978.

KLINGBEIL

Myles Klingbeil married Maureen Shalla, a daughter of Sylvester Shalla and Esther Coulas. Their son is Travis.

KLYGO

Frances Klygo is a daughter of Frank Bielawskie and Rose Yutronkie. After living in Round Lake and then Killaloe, the family moved to Barry's Bay. Four of her 12 children have lived here: Tessie, Joey, Philip and Agnes.

KNOX

Tim Knox married Anne Walsh, a daughter of Joseph Walsh and Pearl Cosgrove of Killaloe. Their children are Erin, Trevor and Peter.

KOSNASKIE

James Kosnaskie, a son of Sylvester Kosnaskie and Linda Frederick, married Ava Gonzalez, a daughter of Peter Gonzalez and Carmen Mouttet, on July 16, 1983.

KUIACK

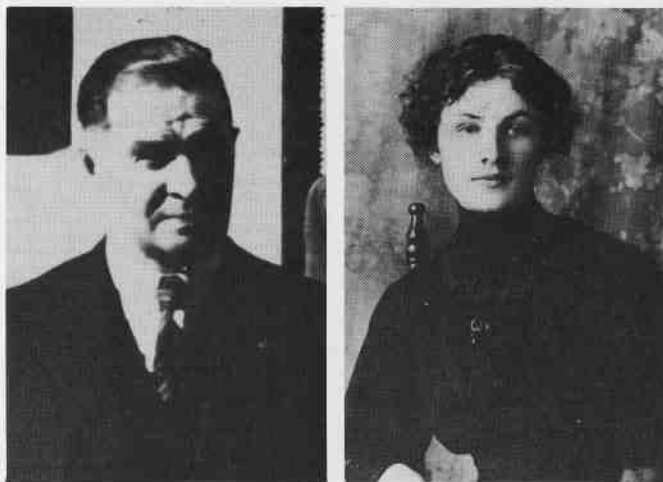
Lawrence Kuiack, a son of Peter Kuiack and Margaret Shalla of Whitney, married Jean Waldon. Their children are: Peggy (Leonard LaFleche); Lynn; Larry; Ramona married Keith Jackson on July 14, 1984; Sherri married Kenneth Dorman on August 25, 1984.

Florian Kuiack, a son of Paul Kuiack and Julia Luckasavitch of Wilno, married Sylvia Lundy. Their children are: Andrew; Joanne married Patrick P. Burchat, a son of Adolph Burchat and Stella Prince, on August 22, 1981; Ronald J.; Bradley; Dale; Gale.

Clarence Kuiack, a son of Stephen Kuiack and Annie Yantha of Rockingham, is married to Shirley Etmanskie, a daughter of Alex Etmanskie and Marie Valiere of St. Catharines. Their children are Marion, Sandra, Christopher, Brian and Vincent.

KULAS

Michael Kulas, a son of Isadore Kulas and Johanna Cybulski, married Patricia Corrigan, a daughter of Chris Corrigan and Anne Blimkie, on June 27, 1964. Their children are Christopher, Michol Leah and Kasey Colleen.



Horace Landon & Nora (Murray)

LANDON

Horace Leo Landon (March 11, 1899 — January 4, 1961), a son of Horace Edward Landon and Anna Fowler of Ottawa, married Nora Murray (December 20, 1892), a daughter of James Murray and Hanorah Belkwell, in Killaloe on October 3, 1922. Horace came to Barry's Bay as a telegraph operator. Besides being on the separate school board, Horace served as the first village clerk in 1933 after Barry's Bay became incorporated, and became its reeve in 1947 for a six-year period. Horace was also a vendor for the Liquor Control Board for 14 years, finally becoming an accountant for J.P. Conway Lumber Company. Their children are: Edward (May 26, 1926 — August 29, 1926); Doris married Michael McCrea on August 22, 1955, and lives in Pembroke; Murray (Verna Hall); Irma (Chris Lowell); Malcolm; Janet married Archibald O'Connor on August 8, 1955; Joan (Lloyd Quinn); John. Doris, Malcolm and Janet are teachers while Murray works for a construction company in Toronto.

John served for many years in the armed forces before becoming a lumber scaler. He married Marie Etmanskie, a daughter of Dominic Etmanskie and Leona Glofcheskie. Their children are Anne Marie and Edward (or Ned).

LAPENSKIE

Marcel Lapenskie, a son of Francis Lapenskie and Mary Yaskolskie, is married to Irene Hudder, a daughter of Felix Hudder and Agnes Etmanskie. Their children are Gary, Gwen and Chris.

Thomas Lepinski and Julia Vitkuske attended about 1910-1920. Their children were John Joseph, Mary Margaret, Mary Lucy, Thomas, Stella, Ambrose, Clare, Helen.

In later years, Reginald Lapenskie and Joyce Coulas and their children, Tracy, Angela and Jason, attended.

LORBETSKIE

Edward Lorbetskie, a son of Joseph Lorbetskie and Anastasia Prince of Wilno, is married to Phyllis Rozek, a daughter of Philip Rozek and Stella Coulas. Their children are Sharon and Janice.

LUCKASAVITCH

Max L. Luckasavitch, a son of Felix Luckasavitch and Mary Chippior, married Theresa Recoskie, a daughter of Bronas Recoskie and Anastasia Shushack. Their children are: Arlene married Edmund Kubesheskie, a son of John Kubesheskie and Monica Dombroskie, on June 10, 1967; Maxine married Aloysius Smaglinski on September 23, 1972; Terry (January 16, 1955 — May 25, 1965); Richard married Suzanne Coulas, a daughter of Winifred Coulas and Edna Luckasavitch.

MacNAMARA

Patrick Sylvester MacNamara (1896), a son of John and Elizabeth MacNamara of Eganville, married Margaret Drohan (1899), a daughter of James Drohan and Margaret Kirwan. The family lived in Barry's Bay for about 10 years before moving to Eganville. Their children are: James J. (June 18, 1914 — October 5, 1968); Bernadette; Marion (Bruce McCartney); Patrick; Jerry; Joseph; Lorraine; Patricia.

James married Rose M. Yezik, a daughter of Albert Yezik and Louise Sajdok of Wilno. James was employed as a bookkeeper and accountant for various construction and mining companies, mainly in Northern Ontario, but at times as far away as British Columbia and Los Angeles, always keeping Barry's Bay as his base. Their children are Shelagh and Seamus (Mildred Hopkins).

MADIGAN

John Madigan, a son of James Madigan and Gertrude Helferty of Palmer Rapids, married Fran Dion, a daughter of Jeannette Dion. Their children are Nicole and Jeffrey.

MALONE

James Malone (c1832 — April 18, 1913) and Bridget Simins (c1839 — December 29, 1917) settled near Bark Lake where the Madawaska River flows towards Kamaniskeg Lake. Their children were: John (died May 2, 1921) married Julia Shields; Edward married Ellen Malone, a daughter of Bernard Malone and Elizabeth Morrissey, on April 22, 1901; Philip (1865); James J. (February 28, 1873 — September 2, 1958); Thomas married Annie Peplinskie, a daughter of Mathias and Mary Peplinskie; Maria married John Sayyea.

James married Elizabeth Peplinskie (1893), a daughter of Mathias and Mary Peplinskie. Their children are: James; John (Marie Sherlock); Mary (Roger Vincent); Elizabeth (Arthur Kranch); Bernard (Greta Foster); Francis (Stella Coulas); Joseph; Annie (Adrian Breault); Doris (Darryl Blinkhorn); Catherine (1935-1937).



Elizabeth (Peplinskie) & James J. Malone

MANION

James Manion, a son of James Manion and Margaret Cuddy of Killaloe, married Valerie Conway, a daughter of James A. Conway and Monica Fitzpatrick, on June 18, 1981. Their daughter is Lawren.

MAY

Kevin May, a manager of a plumbing, heating and electrical business, and a son of Isaiah May and Frances Finucane of Killaloe, married Angela Mullin, a daughter of Francis Mullin and Mary Dillon of Killaloe. Their children are: Lorraine married Patrick D. Flynn, a son of Patrick J. Flynn and Dolores Biernacki, on September 16, 1978; Ralph; Janice.

MAYHEW

Edwin Mayhew, a son of Clarence Mayhew and Marion Bruce of Renfrew, married Ida Zinni. Their children are Sheri, Jennifer and Ryan.

McGRATH

Colin McGrath, a son of John McGrath and Anna Mary Powers of Eganville, has a plumbing and heating business in Barry's Bay. Colin married Pearl Conway, a daughter of James W. Conway and Irene Kruger, on June 19, 1955. Their children are: Conway married Anita

Coulas, a daughter of Percy Coulas and Frances Cybulski; Rory (Carol Salamoni); Breandan.

MOSLEY

Shelia McLaughlin is married to Douglas Mosley.

MULLIN

Christopher Mullin (March 9, 1921 — July 11, 1978) of Pembroke married Elaine Maloney of Renfrew. While living in Pembroke, Chris was a social worker and in 1955 was appointed as probation officer. Chris served as reeve of Sherwood, Jones and Burns, and was instrumental in helping to establish Valley Manor. Elaine was also a social worker in Pembroke and a real estate agent here. Their children are: Rose Mary (Don Brisson); Christine married David Godin on October 13, 1979.

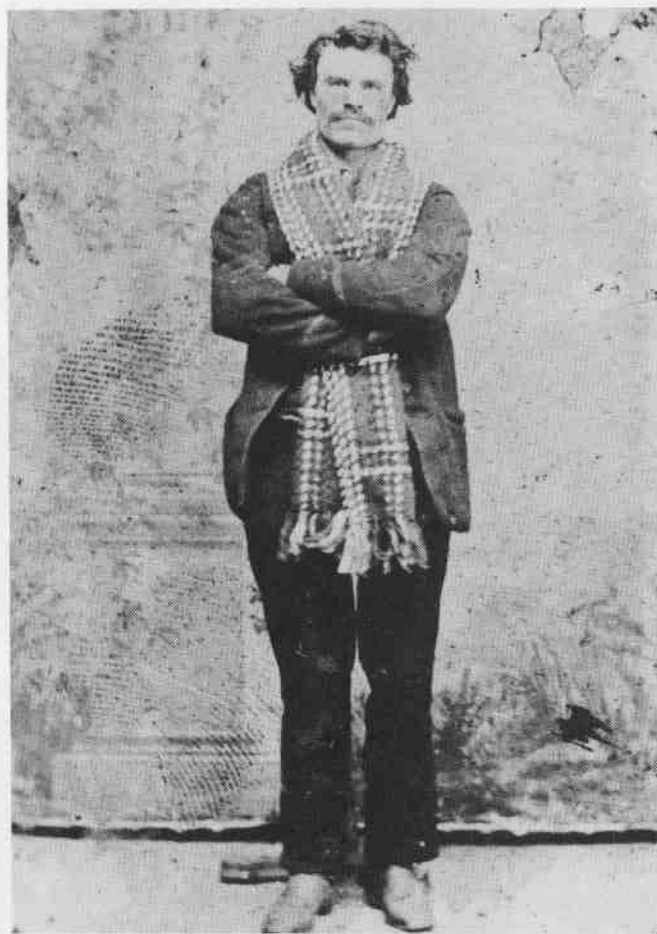
Terrence Mullin, a son of Gregory Mullin and Margaret Culhane, married Jane Moore. Their children are Sean, Scott and Jeremy.

MURRAY

Michael Murray (February 15, 1814 — September 14, 1864) and his wife, Mary Green, or Greenan, (February 27, 1812 — May 5, 1884), came to Canada about 1856 from the parish of Drum in County Monaghan, Ireland. Starting off at Seeley's Bay near Kingston, the family received a free grant of land at Brudenell and were there in 1861. After Michael's death in 1864, the family moved to Sherwood Township where Mary's brothers had a farm. The Murray family consisted of: James (1844 — April 20, 1912) married Hanorah Belkwell; Margaret (c1846) married Michael Daly; Francis (c1848 — August 21, 1902) married Maria Dooner; Mary (c1851); Rose Ann (c1853 — March 27, 1898) married Charles Kitts; Thomas A. (c1856); Patrick (1859 — December 10, 1921) married Annie Foy; Elizabeth (c1861); Susan (1863 — August 24, 1929). The first six children were born in Ireland. It is thought that Mary and Elizabeth entered a convent in the United States, in which case they would be two more persons to add to the list of local women who have become religious sisters. Frank and Thomas migrated to the Dakota Territory (present-day state of Minnesota). These four had left this area by 1881. Frank, of Sanborn, Minnesota, was visiting in Barry's Bay when he died, leaving an estate valued at \$75,000; his wife had predeceased him.

JAMES MURRAY (1844 — 1912)

James Murray married Hanorah Belkwell (c1851 — April 29, 1929) of Kemptville, a daughter of Hugh Belkwell of England and Anne Daly, at Brudenell on October 25, 1871. Besides farming and trapping near Greenan's Lake in the Siberia area of Sherwood Township, James served as a Justice of the Peace for the area, and helped organize the first school (at the corner of Siberia Road and Biernacki Road area) in 1893. As well as serving as a councillor for the United Townships of Hagarty, Sherwood, Jones, Richards and Burns, James served as auditor of accounts. He acted as clerk for the newly-formed



James Murray (1844-1912)

United Townships of Sherwood, Jones, Richards and Burns, in 1910, but resigned three months before his death. The children were: James (February 12, 1873 — September 10, 1958); Mary Ann (September 14, 1874 — February 2, 1946); Rebecca (September 29, 1876 — September 1963) married Robert Dillon on October 30, 1907; Michael James (January 27, 1878 — October 9, 1954) married Mary Kiely; Thomas Patrick (June 10, 1880 — October 1, 1981) married Johanna Kiely; Francis (April 13, 1882); William (February 6, 1884 — December 27, 1935); Arthur (September 6, 1886) died in infancy; Charles John (March 24, 1888 — November 12, 1974) married Anna Roche; Daniel O. (June 11, 1890 — December 22, 1954) married Elizabeth Lynch (c1896 — February 10, 1984) of Douglas in 1931; Nora Mary (December 20, 1892) married Horace Landon. The eldest son, James, worked for the railroad while Frank moved on to western Canada and Montana. Bill, also known as 'Marvellous Murray', obtained a reputation as a highwire artist and performed professionally at many church picnics and other public gatherings. Because of ill health, this occupation was given up about 10 years prior to his death by pneumonia.

Two sons, Michael James and Thomas Patrick, started M. and T. Murray Lumbering Company on December 5, 1902. Joining forces with John Omanique in 1911, the company became known as Murray and Omanique. This



Mrs. James Murray (Hanorah Belkwell) And Sons Charles, James, Daniel, William, Michael, Francis & Thomas (seated) - 1911.

company was dissolved in 1929 with Omanique keeping the sawmill operation in Barry's Bay and the Murrays retaining the timber licences. The Murrays started a mill and logging operation at Cross Lake. A new mill was constructed at Madawaska in 1952, and a planing mill at Barry's Bay in 1957. The Murray Brothers' Lumbering Company purchased Shoosplin Woods Limited on the Bonnechere River in 1964, nearby M.J. Daly Forest Products and H.B. Chapeskie Lumber Company. When the Madawaska mill was destroyed by fire in 1971, a new and larger mill was constructed at the same site. J.B. Morgan Lumber in Eganville was purchased in 1982.

Another pair of sons, Charles John and Daniel O., got together and started a general store business known as C. and D. Murrays'. Initially both Charlie and Dan worked for Frank Stafford in his general store near the railroad station. The Murrays purchased this store in 1919. The store was truly a general store, selling all kinds of provisions, as well as buying furs and pulpwood. On July 4, 1941, the store burned to the ground, and a new store was built immediately. After the business closed its doors, it became the Madawaska Valley Occupational Centre.

MICHAEL JAMES MURRAY

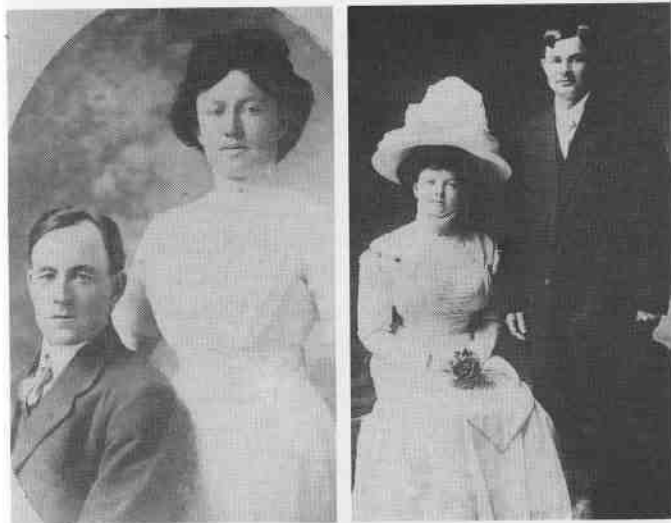
Michael James Murray married Mary Kiely (c1882 – March 29, 1929), a daughter of John C. Kiely and Johan-

na Sullivan of Mt. St. Patrick, in 1911. Their children are: James Emmett (May 4, 1912 – September 25, 1971) married Susan Grace, a daughter of Martin Grace and Frances Roche; Gordon (August 18, 1913 – May 3, 1978) married Mabel Hoare; Arnold; Thomas O.; Ronald (March 4, 1918 – October 24, 1948); Rita married Joseph Stephenson on September 19, 1955; Carmel (Sr. Michaela); Maureen (February 28, 1928 – May 14, 1980) married James Kaay on December 28, 1963. James was postmaster at Killaloe, Gordon worked in the mines at Sudbury, Ronald served in the armed forces, Rita and Maureen were teachers. James, Gordon, Arnold and Ronald all served in WWII.

Arnold married Agnes Chippior, a daughter of Joseph Chippior and Mary Turenskie of Wilno, and farmed at Barry's Bay. Their children are James, Jane, Peter and Caroline.

Thomas O., a lumberman, married Claire Buckley, a daughter of Francis V. Buckley and Ann Netteville of Maynooth. There are 6 children. Michael Francis married Donna Bloom, a daughter of Walter Bloom and Ursula Perrier of Combermere; their children are Christopher and Bryan. Gerald married Pam Burrows; their children are Kim and Mark. Anne married Kevin Roach on August 11, 1973. Constance married Michael McCullough on June 14, 1975. Susan married Robert McLoone

on June 20, 1981. Mary Kathryn married Glen Bleskie, a son of Paul Bleskie and Agatha Belaskie, on July 14, 1984.



LEFT: Michael J. Murray & Mary (Kiely) RIGHT: Johanna (Kiely) & Thomas P. Murray.

THOMAS PATRICK MURRAY

Thomas Patrick Murray married Johanna Kiely (January 1888 – December 2, 1953), a daughter of John C. Kiely and Johanna Sullivan of Mt. St. Patrick, in 1910. Besides being a school trustee, Tom was elected councillor for Sherwood, Jones and Burns in 1920 and served as reeve from 1924 to 1929. In 1929 he was elected Liberal M.P.P. for Renfrew South, an office which he held for 16 years. The children are: Rev. Joseph (November 13, 1912 – October 23, 1980); Michael James (March 28, 1914 – February 28, 1976); Thomas Andrew (May 17, 1915 – July 25, 1980); Patrick Allen (c1917 – September 26, 1918); Olive Christine (Patrick Duffy); Francis (February 19, 1921 – September 20, 1921); Johanna (February 19, 1921 – September 28, 1921); Teresita M. married Francis Conway, a son of Nicholas Conway and Ellen Irving, on August 3, 1948; Inez married Joseph MacGillis on August 18, 1947; Mary Kathleen (Dr. John Bernarde); Daniel Gerard; Dowdall. Patrick was just over a year old when he drowned, while twins Francis and Johanna died at the age of seven months. Michael James (or M.J.), a lumberman, served in the air force. Olive, a stenographer, lived at Mt. Elgin. Inez, a teacher, moved to Lochiel.

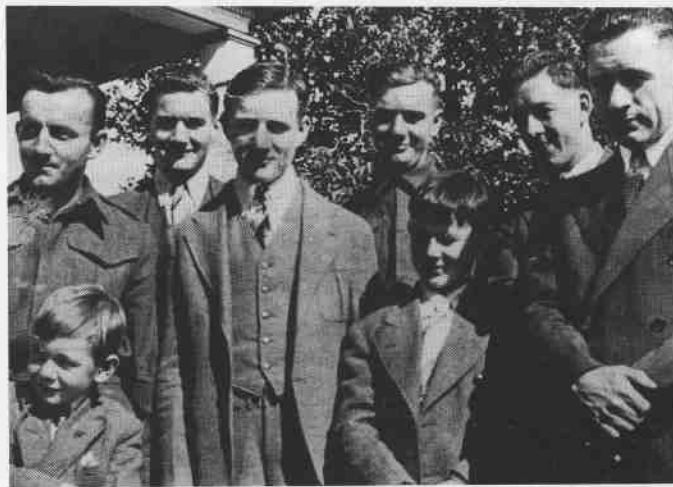
Thomas Andrew (or Casey), a lumberman, served as councillor for Barry's Bay from 1967 to 1972. He married Edith G. Post, a daughter of Oliver Post and Gertrude Spears of Whitney. Their daughter, Joanne, married Gary McGuire, on June 14, 1969. Their son, Timothy, married Patricia Gutoskie, a daughter of Cecil Gutoskie and Rita Coulas; their children are Lisa, Rebecca and Jennifer.

Daniel Gerard, a lumberman, married Teresa E. Blank, a daughter of Frank Blank and Florence Lorbetskie of Wilno. Their children are Steven (Cheryl Kuehl), Elaine and Andrea.



BACK: Rev. Joe, M.J., Inez, Teresita, Dan, Olive, Casey; MIDDLE: Thomas P. Murray, Johanna (Kiely); BOTTOM: Dowdall & Mary.

Dowdall, a lumberman, married Rita Leveque, a daughter of Philip Leveque and Lulu Flynn of Maynooth. Their children are Terrence, Sean (July 31, 1956 – September 17, 1982), Lynn, Patricia, Edward and Robert.



Sons of Charles Murray And Anne Roche: Wilfred, Kevin, Emmett, John, Philip, Martin; Donald & Jerome in Front.

CHARLES JOHN MURRAY

Charles John Murray married Anna Josephine Roche (November 29, 1890 – October 2, 1973), a daughter of Martin Roche and Susan O'Neill, at Killaloe, on October 29, 1912. Charles served as a village councillor the year Barry's Bay became incorporated; he also served as a separate school trustee. Their children are: Anna Mary married George Ewing on January 12, 1948; Norah, a nurse, married Dr. John Byrne on October 1, 1940 and lives in Trenton; Martin (c1916 – April 28, 1985), a customs officer at Sault Ste Marie, married Gertrude Lapointe; Bernard; Wilfred (February 17, 1919 – December 13, 1973); John Dennis (October 9, 1920 – February 10, 1974), a miner at Rouyn, married Ethel Fenwick; Kevin (c1922 – August 17, 1973), a construction worker at Arnprior, married Mitzi Hollington; Philip I. (February 1, 1924 – December 30, 1968), a clerk at



Anna Mary And Norah Murray

Murrays' General Store and later a member of the armed forces at Petawawa, married Edith Clouthier; Fr. Emmett; Jerome F., a construction worker, married Florence Bloskie, a daughter of Francis and Johanna Bloskie, on January 13, 1958; Donald A. (December 19, 1933 – March 5, 1981). Bernard, Wilfred, John and Philip served in World War I.

Bernard worked at Murrays' General Store, and married Joan Cannon, a daughter of Thomas Cannon and Teresa Luckasavitch of Whitney. Their children are Bernard (Margaret Smit), Sam, Polly Anne and Joseph.

Wilfred Charles married Rita Dwyer, a daughter of John Joseph Dwyer and Alice Etmanskie, on October 20, 1952. Wilfred worked as a clerk at Murrays' General Store. Their children are: Patrick Lawrence; Margaret Mary married John Gillroy, a son of John Gillroy and Mildred Daly, on November 27, 1978; Sheilagh married Gary MacDonald on June 24, 1983; Helen married Francis Recoskie, a son of Xavier Recoskie and Florence Stamplecoskie of Round Lake, on August 15, 1981.

Donald A., an employee of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario married Loretta O'Malley, a daughter of Thomas O'Malley and Barbara Etmanskie, on March 30, 1959. Their children are: Elizabeth Anne married Michael Siydock on May 15, 1982; George (Brenda Mollon); Marie Rebecca married Mark Young on October 11, 1980.

PATRICK MURRAY (1859-1921)

Patrick Murray (1859 – December 10, 1921) married Anna Foy (1870 – November 22, 1917), a daughter of Nicholas Foy of Lake Clear. Patrick was a farmer along Siberia Road. Their children were: Michael P. (c1893 – February 23, 1900); Irene (January 7, 1896) married Francis Virkus (October 1, 1893), a son of Francis Virkus and Mary Norlock of Renfrew, on July 24, 1917; Gertrude (1899) married Anthony Clemen, a son of Philip Clemen and Kathleen Babinski of Renfrew, on April 13, 1921; Mary Loretta (January 16, 1902) married John Ross Barkey; Bernadette (January 22, 1905) married

Arnold Christopher; Patrick James moved to Parry Sound.

NICHOLSON

When Harold Nicholson (February 15, 1880 – February 3, 1957), whose father emigrated from Scotland, came to Barry's Bay in the early 1900s, he worked as a fireman for the railroad. A train accident curtailed this career and he then worked as a fireman in the local saw-mills. Harry was born at Summerstown, near Cornwall, a son of James Nicholson and Catherine Gilles, and married Mary Zilney (December 3, 1886 – January 15, 1971), a daughter of John Zilney and Frances Virkus, and they lived in Ottawa for a couple of years. Their children are: Myrtle died as a child; Leonard (May 4, 1912 – December 9, 1965) married Kay Etmanskie, a daughter of John Etmanskie and Clare Luckasavitch, moving north in 1939, settling in Cochrane where he worked for C.N.R.; Henry; Stella (Earl Bennie) lives in Toronto; Kathleen (Alf Brodie) lives in Toronto; William (September 10, 1921 – July 5, 1984) married Margie Lavalley, a daughter of James Lavalley and Sarah Aird, moving to Pembroke; Rita (December 2, 1924 – September 6, 1977) married Dixon Vitkuske, a son of John Vitkuske and Annie Cybulskie, on November 10, 1951; Marion married William Conway, a son of Nicholas Conway and Ellen Irving, on February 4, 1961; Lyons (September 1928 – December 7, 1928).



Mrs. Harold Nicholson (Mary Zilney) And Children, William, Kathleen, Rita, Marion, Stella, Henry

Henry worked as a bulldozer operator for local lumber companies and married Agnes Etmanskie, a daughter of John Etmanskie and Clare Luckasavitch. Their children are: Myrtle married Robert Carroll on August 17, 1968; Barbara married Raymond Sheppard on August 22, 1970; Michael; Daniel married Patricia Conway, a daughter of Leo Conway and Mercedes Harrington, on July 7, 1979; John married Jacqueline Villeneuve, a daughter of Alfred Villeneuve and Evelyn Hildebrandt, on September 8, 1984; Lorna.

NORLOCK

Robert Norlock, a son of Raymond Norlock and Stasia Prince, is married to Jacqueline Pecarskie, a daughter of Max Pecarskie and Annie Dombroskie. Their children are Brent, Jeffrey and Darren.



Thomas O'Malley & Barbara (Etmanskie); John, Alfred, Patrick, Jerry, Phyllis, Ellen, Loretta, Robert & Rev. Joseph

O'MALLEY

Thomas O'Malley (September 6, 1906 — October 29, 1983), son of James O'Malley and Sarah Dolan of Brudenell, came to Barry's Bay about 1928, and married Barbara Etmanskie (July 11, 1899), a daughter of John Etmanskie and Mary Kedroskie. Their children are: John (Theresa Shalla); Alfred; Patrick (Helen Creamer); Jerry (Gladys Sullivan); Phyllis married Martin Bernie on August 13, 1956; Ellen (David Law); Loretta married Donald Murray, a son of Charles Murray and Anna Roche, on March 30, 1959; Robert (Evelyn); Rev. Joseph.

Tom, first employed as a barber, later worked for the Department of Highways and moved to Marmora in 1954 and then to Bancroft in 1956.

Alfred is manager of the Liquor Store in Barry's Bay, having travelled to Killaloe for 16 years to work at the branch there. Alfred has served as separate school trustee and is now a village councillor. Alfred married Helen Cybulskie, a daughter of Paul Cybulskie and Anna Peplinskie, on September 9, 1952. Their children are: Michael; Patricia married Marco Endrizzi on June 28, 1975; Constance married Neil O'Reilly on August 23, 1980; Mary married Michael Sullivan, a son of Jerome Sullivan and Mary Walsh, on September 1, 1979; James married Linda Ryan, a daughter of James Ryan and Francine Rivet, on May 26, 1984.

Daniel O'Malley, a son of Cecil O'Malley and Margaret Lorbetskie of Rockingham, is married to Patricia Coulas, a daughter of Albert J. Coulas and Florence Shalla. Their children are Shawn, Jamie and Laurie Ann.

O'REILLY

Neil O'Reilly, a son of Thomas O'Reilly and Veronica

Shields of Killaloe, married Constance O'Malley, a daughter of Alfred O'Malley and Helen Cybulskie, on August 23, 1980. Their son is Michael.

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Anthony Page, a son of Gordon Page and Margaret McGee of Renfrew, married Marjorie Cybulskie, a daughter of Nicholas Cybulskie and Frances Trebinskie, on November 3, 1973. Their children are Wendy and Damien.

PECARSKI

Sidney Pecarski, a son of Wilfred Pecarski and Helen Coulas, is married to Darlene Yantha, a daughter of Isadore Yantha and Monica Matcheskie. Their son is Dean.

Vernon Pecarski is a son of Felix Pecarski and Monica Coulas.

PECASKIE

Ambrose Francis Pecaskie, a son of Francis Pecaskie and Viola Stampleskie of Wilno, married Emma Prince, a daughter of Walter Prince and Barbara Zilney, on November 27, 1951. Their children are Ronald Vincent, Linda (married Ray Fisk on June 1, 1985) and Francis.

Ronald married Sonia McArthur, a daughter of Harvey McArthur and Catherine Etmanskie, on September 7, 1974. Their children are Tammy and Ronald James.

PEPLINSKIE

Margaret Serran, a daughter of Charles Serran and Annie Shushack, married Wilfred Peplinskie, a son of Martin Peplinskie and Mary Levair, on June 30, 1947. Their children are: Parnell married Jacqueline Simourd, a daughter of Arthur Simourd and Gertrude Filler of Madawaska, on June 8, 1968; Darlene married Allan Visneskie.

PIETTE

George Piette and his wife, Pauline Durocher, retired to Barry's Bay from Cornwall with their youngest child, Yvon. Nine other children continue to live in Cornwall.

PIGEON

Harry Pigeon, a son of Leonard Pigeon and Margaret Agnew, married Suzanne Green, a daughter of Harold Green and Ella Capstick, on October 27, 1978.

Donald Pigeon married Sandra Green. Their children are Christopher, Valerie and Shane.

POTVIN

Leo Potvin, a son of Arnold Potvin and Priscilla Del-laire of Eganville, is married to Joan Marie Ryan, a daughter of Thomas Ryan and Margaret King of Palmer Rapids. Their son is Bernard.

PRINCE

Walter L. Prince (June 22, 1909 — December 28, 1976), a sawmill employee and son of John Prince and Helen Bleskie, married Barbara F. Zilney, a daughter of

Martin Zilney and Julia Pecoskie. Their children are: Alphonse (March 1, 1929 – December 20, 1980) was a transport driver; Caroline married Sylvester Yeretch on April 10, 1951; Clarence; Emma married Ambrose Pecaskie on November 27, 1951.

Clarence operates an auto body shop and is married to Dorothy Lorbetskie, a daughter of Peter Lorbetskie and Anna Pecarski. Their children are Michael, Brian, Jacqueline, Patrick, Terrance and Jamie.

Peter Prince and Margaret Trebinski, and daughter Florence, attended about 1921-22.

RECOSKIE

Thomas S. Recoskie, a son of Peter Recoskie and Rose Voldock, is married to Marilyn Mayhew, a daughter of Joseph Mayhew and Clara Drevniok of Combermere. Their children are Mary, Peter, Marvin, Clayton and Darron.

Terrence Recoskie, a son of Ambrose Recoskie and Rose Chippior, is married to Helen Walsh, a daughter of Joseph Walsh and Pearl Cosgrove of Killaloe. Their children are Jennifer, Sarah and Katie.

Leonard Recoskie, a son of Frank Recoskie and Agnes Pick, married Alice Foster of Combermere on August 11, 1947, and they attended St. Lawrence's. Their children are Garry (Margaret Orland), Earl, Constance (Douglas Yates), Kim, Karen and Reid.

REYNOLDS

Gerald P. Reynolds (March 13, 1905 – June 15, 1974), a son of John Reynolds and Katharine Ryan of Madawaska, married Margaret Loretta Conway, a daughter of Nicholas Conway and Ellen Irving, on September 29, 1943. After living at Madawaska for a while, the family moved to Barry's Bay; Gerald was an accountant for Murray Brothers'. Their children are: Gerard married Doreen Golka, a daughter of Bronas Golka and Kay Glineski; Lawrence (May 16, 1951 – March 1, 1980); Maureen (Richard Braceland). Their foster child, Robert Crawford, married Noeleen O'Reilly of Ireland.

RITZA

Joseph P. Ritza is married to Dorothy Vitkuske, a daughter of John Vitkuske and Margaret Cashubec.

Joseph's parents, Michael Ritza and Mary Ann Pershick, attended from about 1900 to 1914. Their children are: John M. (Julia Coulas); Mary married Joseph Henry Coulas on November 27, 1907; Michael (Margaret Palubeskie); Teresa (Angus Coulas); Joseph Patrick (Dorothy Vitkuske); Stella (John Palubeskie); Irene (Lloyd Boss).

ROZEK

Stella Coulas, a daughter of Victor Coulas and Frances Golka, married Philip Rozek (1915-1965). Their daughter, Phyllis, is married to Edward Lorbetskie.

RUMLESKIE

Margaret Levair (c1867 – October 21, 1944), a daughter



Margaret (Levair) Rumleski

ter of Seraphin Levair and Margaret Shulist of Brudenell, married Alexander Rumleskie (c1866 – July 26, 1930), Barry's Bay's first jeweller. Their children are: Patrick (March 17, 1894 – June 10, 1976); John Albert (April 7, 1896 – August 29, 1983); Teresa (1898) married Charles Redforth; Marie (c1901) married Mel Gibbson; Isabelle (c1905) married Roman Prince; Philip (1906 – August 18, 1907); Gertrude (September 3, 1908 – May 21, 1971) married Alex Levaire, son of Thomas Levair and Mary Belaskie, on July 30, 1935; Charles. While Gertrude lived in Hearst, the other sisters lived in Toronto.



Isabelle, Marie And Gertrude Rumleski

Patrick Rumleskie married Elizabeth Stamplecoskie (October 28, 1895 – August 14, 1970), a daughter of Jacob and Augusta Stamplecoskie. Besides having a shingle mill, Patrick worked for the railroad. Their children are Arthur, Raymond and Bernice. Raymond served as caretaker at St. Lawrence's for many years. Bernice was housekeeper from December 16, 1963 until June 2, 1980, a period of over 17 years, some of this as sacristan.



Bernice, Elizabeth (Stamplecoskie), Arthur, Patrick Rumleski, Raymond

Charles Rumlesky married Gertrude Burchat, a daughter of Joseph Burchat and Rose Luckovitch, on July 8, 1941. The couple operated a jewellery store (present-day Talk o' the Town). Their children are: Ethel (October 3, 1942 — October 24, 1982) married James Yantha, a son of August Yantha and Ann Chapeskie, on October 13, 1973; Lawrence; Irene married Robert Maurice on August 5, 1968; Roy.



Charles Rumlesky And Gertrude Burchat, Ethel

JOHN ALBERT RUMLESKIE

John Rumleskie married Agnes Prince (November 13, 1904 — November 28, 1965), a daughter of Joseph Prince and Martha Bloskie. John operated a sawmill. Their children are: William; Leonard; Evelyn married

Angus Levair, a son of John Levair and Lucy Chapeskie, on December 30, 1952; Bernard; Vincent.

Leonard married Evelyn Dombroskie, a daughter of Martin Dombroskie and Annie Leterski. Their children are: Gilbert; Diane married Edmund Etmanskie on May 9, 1975; Brian married Elsie Ostroskie, a daughter of Leo Ostroskie and Marilyn Cowan, on October 27, 1979; Nancy married Raymond Yandernoll, a son of Joseph Yandernoll and Martha Norlock; Ernest; Janet (August 5, 1961 — December 29, 1961); Shirley married David Cybulskie on September 17, 1983; Basil; Lorraine.

Gilbert married Irene Ostroskie, a daughter of Leo Ostroskie and Marilyn Cowan, on October 26, 1974. Their children are Jeanette, Shawn, Gilbert, Jeffrey and Christopher.

Ernest married Delores Shulist, a daughter of Victor Shulist and Jean Hannah, on August 6, 1983. Their son is John.

David Rumleskie, a son of William Rumleskie and Margaret Voldock of Combermere, married Carmel Kelly, a daughter of Barclay Kelly and Veronica Laginski, on June 22, 1974. Their children are Jane, James Barclay (or J.B.), Anthony, Stephen and Wayne.

SABATINE

Allan Sabatine is married to Susan Lepinski, a daughter of Nicholas Lepinski and Marion Stubbs of Radcliffe Township. Their children are Mason and Cody.

ST. JAMES

Welland (or Weck) St. James of Pembroke married Lucy Hass of Renfrew in 1941 and worked in Kapuskasing for many years before retiring to Barry's Bay. Their children are: Michael, Allan; John (Therese Dellaire); Sandra (William Robertson); Cecilia married Jose Medina on August 20, 1976.

Michael married Maria Kipen, a daughter of Steve Kipen and Mary Stelmach. Their children are Kimberly and David.

SERNOSKIE

Jerome Sernoskie, a son of Alex Sernoskie and Catherine Bozak of Killaloe, married Agnes Beanish, a daughter of Paul Beanish and Agatha Visneskie of Wilno. Their children are Brian, Karen and Christine.

Raphael J. Sernoskie, a son of Alex Sernoskie and Catherine Bozak, married Teresa Cybulskie, a daughter of Paul Cybulskie. Their children are David and Steven.

SERRAN

Charles P. Serran (June 6, 1897 — March 12, 1981), a son of John Serran and Catherine Podworna, was a lumberman for J.R. Booth and later a stationary engineer for J.P. Conway Lumber. He married Annie M. Shushack (July 29, 1901), daughter of Adam Shushack and Mary Palubiskie. Their children are: William S.; Margaret married Wilfred Peplinski on June 30, 1947; Philanda married William Hall on June 25, 1955; Gertrude married James Pecarskie, a son of Joseph Pecarskie and Teresa



Gertrude, Viola, William, Margaret, Philanda; Charles Serran, Annie (Shushack)

Luckasavitch, on June 23, 1956; Viola married Jerome Cybulski on July 10, 1970. Charles served as village councillor in 1956.

William is employed at the Liquor Store, and has served Barry's Bay as a chief constable before moving to Pembroke to manage a wine store. He has also served as councillor from 1961 to 1964 and from 1973 on, the last couple of years as deputy reeve. The children of William and Dora are: Lawrence, Catherine (Francis Gould), Susan, William and Christopher.

Lawrence married Catherine Dombroskie, a daughter of John S. Dombroskie and Margaret Murack of Halfway. Their children are Geris, Jamie, Jade and Jessica.

Frank Serran, a son of Larry Serran and Frances Mask of Combermere, married Annie Lehovitch, a daughter of John Lehovitch and Johanna Olsheskie. The couple retired to Barry's Bay from Combermere.

SHULIST

Victor Shulist, a son of Vincent Shulist and Ludvika Dudack of Wilno, is married to Jean Hannah. Vic has served as village clerk since December 1967. Their children are: Penny; Dolores married Ernest Rumleskie, a son of Leonard Rumleskie and Evelyn Dombroskie, on August 6, 1983; Roseann; Lori; Victor.

SKELLEY

John Skelley is married to Rene Stevenson. Their children are Julia and Shannon.

SMAGLINSKIE

Aloysius Smaglinski, a son of August Smaglinski and Agnes Mask, married Maxine Luckasavitch, a daughter of Max Luckasavitch and Theresa Recoskie, on September 23, 1972. Their children are Bridget and Darryl.

SMITH

Peter Smith, a son of Philip Smith and Kathleen Carroll of Lachine, Quebec, married Ethel Post, a daughter of Albert Austin Post and Mary Susan Roche of Killaloe. Peter set up a medical practice in Barry's Bay in 1964 and

has served as a councillor for Sherwood, Jones and Burns. Their children are Mary Susan, Charles, Amy Jo, Kelly Ann and Kevin.

SPRENGER

Constant H. Sprenger (July 15, 1898 — December 13, 1979) and his wife, Tryntje Van der Ben, came to Canada from Rotterdam, Holland. A daughter, Constance, married Anthony Chippure.

STEER

Vern Steer (Kathleen Arseneau), a native of Wales, retired to Barry's Bay from Toronto.

STRACK

Vincent Strack, a son of Vincent Strack and Anastasia Borutski, married Gladys Rhodes of England in 1946. Their son is Basil. After Gladys' death, Vincent married Elaine Crouse.

Kenneth Strack, a son of Leo Strack and Martha Norlock, is married to Doris Etmanskie, a daughter of Felix Etmanskie and Helen Cybulskie. Their children are Eric and Lynn.



James Sullivan & Hanora (Conway)

SULLIVAN

James Sullivan (July 12, 1857 — December 8, 1950) was a son of James Sullivan and Mary O'Connor of Ireland who settled in Admaston Township. James married Hanora Conway, a daughter of Michael Conway and Margaret Mulvihill, at Brudenell on August 11, 1881. After farming at Ashdad for a while, the family moved to this area in October 1889, settling first below Pecarskie's Hill, east of Barry's Bay, where they had a stopping place. When this was sold to Josh Billings, they obtained property west of the village where a farm was created out of the wilderness. This farm was sold to Mick Yantha when the couple retired to Barry's Bay in 1925, living near Mick Murray. James also served as school trustee and township councillor. Their children were: James (July 4,



Ambrose Sullivan & Grace (Donaldson)

1882 — August 19, 1977) married Margaret Ann Kitts and Mary Dooner; Margaret (September 17, 1883 — 1918) married Ken Shadek and lived in Kansas; Michael James (May 17, 1885 — July 14, 1972) married Catherine Quilty; Nicholas J. (April 2, 1888) died in infancy; Thomas Patrick (September 21, 1889 — December 15, 1961) married Mary Ann Ryan; John N. (January 12, 1895 — September 19, 1960) was a lumberman; Martin J. (May 27, 1897 — February 3, 1957) married Margaret Quinn and later Ethel Ruby and started out as a lumberman but moved to Kitchener; Mary Alice (January 1, 1892 — August 8, 1976) married Norman Walker on January 16, 1924; Ambrose Clifford (April 14, 1901 — November 12, 1974), a lumberman, married Grace Donaldson, a daughter of William Donaldson and Elizabeth Livingstone, on December 28, 1938.

JAMES SULLIVAN (1882 — 1977)

James Sullivan, born at Mt. St. Patrick, married Margaret Ann Kitts (c1881 — May 19, 1906), a daughter of Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray, on July 19, 1905. James was a sawyer and lumber scaler and also served as councillor and school trustee. Their son, Everett (May 6, 1906 — November 1, 1980), married Mabel Tracey and moved to Kitchener. Margaret died shortly after Everett was born and James married Mary W. Dooner, a daughter of John Dooner and Ellen O'Reilly, on November 12, 1912. Their children are: Marie Ellen, a nurse, married Ernest Alfred Burnett on August 4, 1937, and moved to Timmins; Sylvester, an engineer, moved to Sudbury; Leonard John; Marcella (May 26, 1925 — March 13, 1974) married Kenneth Boyle, and lived in Ottawa; Gregory.

Leonard (or Red) married Agnes Cybulskie, a daughter



Margaret (Kitts) & James Sullivan



Leonard Sullivan & Agnes (Cybulskie)

of Frank G. Cybulski and Victoria Sturr. Leonard worked for the Department of Highways and also served as village councillor. He served overseas in WWII. Leonard was elected president of Branch 406 of the Royal Canadian Legion for three terms. Their children are: Angela married Stanley Kern, a son of Frank Kern and Helen Kusok, on April 18, 1970; Noelle married Allan Kennedy on



Catherine (Quilty) & Michael J. Sullivan

December 23, 1972; Patricia married Arthur Maika, a son of Joseph Maika and Evelyn Mahon of Combermere, on September 30, 1973.

Greg works for Ontario Hydro and has also served Barry's Bay as a councillor. He married Teresa Etmanskie, a daughter of Angus Etmanskie and Teresa Prince. Their children are: David; Daniel; Bruce married Anne Mullin, a daughter of Gregory Mullin and Margaret Culhane; Timothy; Robert.

David married Marie Peplinskie, a daughter of Joseph Peplinskie and Evelyn Lennon of Combermere. Their children are Kelly and Christopher.

MICHAEL JAMES SULLIVAN

Michael James Sullivan married Catherine Quilty (October 14, 1889 – July 1, 1951). Michael was a sawyer, and after moving to Detroit in 1927, he worked as a salesman. Their children are: Mary Angela (Michael Gallagher); Nora (John Welsh); Sylvia (Adam Sullivan); Cecil (1914 – July 31, 1926); Margaret (Sr. Malachy); Clifford (Virginia Snyder); Loretta (Sr. Angela); Genevieve (Sr. Mary Clifford); Leona (Sr. Marie Sylvia); Patricia (Sr. Janet); Michael; Terrence (Judith Carey).

THOMAS PATRICK SULLIVAN

Thomas Patrick Sullivan married Mary Ann Ryan (February 24, 1887 – March 31, 1976), a daughter of Michael Ryan and Catherine Bolger of Mt. St. Patrick, in 1916. Thomas was a sawyer for the Opeongo Lumber Company and later the Pembroke Lumber Company. Their children are: Lola married James Kelly on June 28,



Michael J. Sullivan & Children

Michael, Terrence, Sylvia, Angela, Nora, Clifford, Sr. Genevieve, Sr. Loretta, Sr. Margaret, Sr. Leona, Sr. Patricia



Mary Ann (Ryan) & Thomas P. Sullivan

1944, moving to Sudbury; Michael James or M.J. (December 15, 1919 — March 1974) was a sawyer; Rita married John Donovan on June 2, 1947, moving to Kingston; Gladys married Arnold Shearing, moving to Fort Erie; Desmond (Patricia Costello) moved to Renfrew. The three daughters were nurses.

Cecil Sullivan, a son of Dennis Sullivan and Ida O'Malley of Killaloe, married Catherine Conway, a daughter of James W. Conway and Irene Kruger, on October 6, 1958. Their children are: Erin married Brian Cull on April 28, 1984; Paul.

THIELE

Winfried Thiele is married to Sheila Tobin. Their children are Barry and Kris.

VILLENEUVE

David Villeneuve, a son of Adelard Villeneuve and Lillian Laronde, is married to Anna Mary Hildebrandt, a daughter of John Hildebrandt and Annie Gutoskie. Their daughter, Anne, is married to Allan Banks.

VOLDA

Dominic Volda, a son of Frank Voldock and Josephine Kuiack, is married to Agnes Coulas, a daughter of Victor Coulas and Frances Golka.

WOERMKE

Roy Woermke, a son of George Woermke and Alvina Mundt, married Gwen Billings, a daughter of Mark Leonard Billings and Agatha Cecilia Kitts, on October 6,

1951. Roy has been employed by C.N.R. while Gwen has worked for C.N.R. as well as for Conway's Lumber. Their son is George Mark.

Clarence Woermke (c1914 — January 20, 1969), a son of George Woermke and Alvina Mundt, married Stella Coulas, and attended St. Lawrence's before moving to Pembroke. Their children are Beverley, Elizabeth (John Murray), Ronald, Robert, Lawrence, David and Pamela (John Sims).

YAKABUSKI

Paul Joseph Yakabuski, a son of Frank Yakabuski and Julia Chapeskie, married Doreen Conway, a daughter of Thomas Patrick Conway and Clare Kitts, on December 7, 1946. Paul served briefly as councillor before becoming reeve of Barry's Bay for over nine years. Since 1963, Paul has represented Renfrew South as the Conservative M.P.P. Their children are: Jennifer married Eric Huestis on August 24, 1968; Karen (Barry Shane); Lorna (Peter Smith); Frank Thomas; Paul Gerard married Marilyn Murray, a daughter of James Murray and Susan Grace of Killaloe; Marlene married George Bujak on May 31, 1975; Kim; James; John; Lawrence (Anne Marie Corker); Mark; Martin; Michael; Konrad. After Doreen's death, Paul married Diane Hill.



Doreen (Conway) & Paul Yakabuski

YANTHA

Anthony J. Yantha, a son of August Yantha and Ann Chapeskie of Wilno, is married to Esther Burchat, a daughter of Nicholas Burchat and Agnes Peplinski of Wilno. Their children are Corinne and Barry.

Sylvester Anthony Yantha, a son of Michael Yantha and Catherine Stamplecoski, is married to Lois Olszeski,

a daughter of Mack Olsheski and Marcella Yeretch. Their daughter is Trina.

Joseph J. Yantha, a son of Alexander Yantha, married to Agatha Kuiack (1917 – December 28, 1972), attended St. Lawrence's. Their children were Emmett and Kenneth Alexander.

YARASCAVITCH

Edward J. Yarascavitch, a son of Peter Yarascavitch and Madeline Yantha of Halfway, is married to Phyllis Dupuis, a daughter of Latchford Dupuis and Annie Gruntz of Madawaska. Their children are Cynthia and Juanita.

YERETCH

Sylvester Yeretch, a son of Peter Yeretch and Victoria Kuiack of Wilno, married Caroline Prince, a daughter of Walter Prince and Barbara Zilney. Their children are Arnold (March 6, 1951 – August 15, 1969), Ambrose (1952 – 1953), Garry, Theresa (Al Rudack), Gerard, Andrew, Joann and Jerome.

YOUNG

Marie Murray, a daughter of Donald Murray and Loretta O'Malley, married Mark Young on October 11, 1980. Their children are Scott and Sean.



Benedict Zilney (August 21, 1916 - November 25, 1985)

ZILNEY

Benedict Zilney, a son of Martin Zilney and Julia Pecoskie, is married to Alice Wright of Westmeath. Their children are: Gale married Elizeard Yantha, a son of John Yantha and Thecla Norlock; Daniel married Lorna Smaglinskie, a daughter of Martin Smaglinskie and Margaret Parks. The children of Daniel and Lorna are Michelle, Daniel and Lyle.

John and Frances Zilney attended about 1906 – 1909. Children were Joseph, Margaret and Veronica.

FORMER FAMILY NAMES OF THE PARISH

"See how the generations pass like sand through heaven's blue hourglass."

Lindsay

ACTON

When John S.J. Watson of Rockingham Castle, England, married Jane Martin, a servant, he was banished from England to the wilds of Canada, arriving here about 1860. Assisted with money from his father, Watson came with a group of people with varied abilities, ready to establish a village. During the voyage across the ocean, a violent storm came up and all on board despaired of their lives; sure that the ship would capsize, all the passengers tied themselves together with a rope in order that they would remain together in death. However, the ship weathered the storm and the group arrived safely, settling eventually in Renfrew County, naming the new village Rockingham. From its remote location, it was necessary to make trips to Renfrew for goods, spending the night in the bush. One of the members of this group was Richard Acton, a carpenter. Richard's son, also named Richard Acton (1876 – June 1948), married Mary (Molly) Devine of (August 31, 1880 – September 5, 1957), a daughter of John Devine of Brudenell, in 1899. After farming at Rockingham, the family moved to Saskatchewan in 1918 and returned to this area in 1923, living at Barry's Bay in a house that is now the "Childrens' Bargain Centre" on Bay Street. Their children are Leonard, Anna Mary (George Dunn), William (Helen Targes) and Arthur (Ann Weisenefer). Leonard drowned while fishing in Corry Lake near Chalk River on June 29, 1935; the others live in Kitchener.

ARCAND

Antoine Arcand (c1879 – August 1948), a son of Francis Arcand and Barbara Matte of Kemptville, married Ellen Regan (c1884), a daughter of Patrick Regan and Sarah Ring of Brudenell, on November 26, 1902. Their children are Daniel, Isidore, Henry, Laura and Rachael. Antoine worked for the local lumber companies and lived in a houseboat on the shore near Vitkuskie's Point.

BEACH

John Beach (c1927 — August 30, 1973), a son of Thomas Beach and Alice Martin, married Margaret Dwyer, a daughter of John Joseph Dwyer and Alice Et-manskie, on June 7, 1954. John served as station master here from 1962 to 1972 before moving to Georgetown. Their children are Paul, Catherine (Robert Byrne), Jane (Bert Maiss) and Patricia.

BOUDREAU

Annie Boudreau (1871 — September 26, 1955) of Tra-more, married John Patrick Sloan and lived in Barry's Bay. Annie moved to Eganville to live with her sister after John's death in 1942.

Gilbert Boudreau, a son of Gilbert Boudreau and Mary Carr of Round Lake, possibly a brother of Annie, married Mary E. Stack and lived in Barry's Bay about 1918-20. Their children are Elizabeth, Melvin and Margaret.

CONLON

Michael Conlon (c1856), a son of James Conlon and Margaret McCabe, married Ann Jane McDonald (c1859 — May 19, 1929), a daughter of John McDonald and Ann McDougall of Eganville, on May 8, 1900. Michael repaired the wagons that travelled along the Opeongo Road and lived near Drohan's Hotel in a location that became Chippior's Garage.

COSTELLO

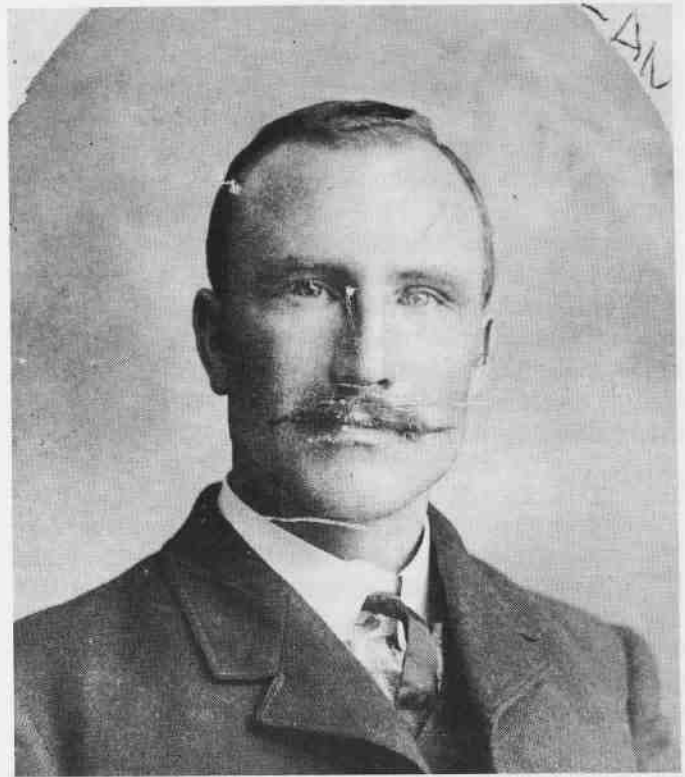
James A. Costello, a son of James Costello and Rachel Craig, married Mary Anastasia Letang, a daughter of Joseph Letang and Elizabeth Meyers, on January 17, 1899. Mary (or May) taught music to the local children while James was a government scaler, also working for J.R. Booth. Their children are: Aileen, a teacher; Mary (January 5, 1904 — January 6, 1904); Rev. Leonard Anthony; Harold (Anne Osachuk), born in Barry's Bay, a member of the Air Force, and then a chemist for International Paper in Temiskaming; Ed (Doris Switzer); Genevieve (Maxwell Narraway). The Costello family moved to Eganville in 1911.

DEVINE

Teresa Devine (April 27, 1910 — February 7, 1967), a daughter of John Devine and Ellen Reynolds of Killaloe, worked at the Balmoral Hotel for 17 years. Teresa's sister, Margaret (May 17, 1906 — August 16, 1980), also lived in Barry's Bay.

DILLON

Robert Dillon (c1877 — October 5, 1930), a son of John Dillon and Jane Foy of Brudenell, married Rebecca Murray, a daughter of James Murray and Hanora Belk-well, on October 30, 1907. Robert was a blacksmith and the family lived for a while in Barry's Bay before moving to Brudenell. Their children are James, Bernadette (Cecil Meehan), Nora (Allan MacLaurin), Patrick and Marjorie (Leo Conway).



Robert Dillon (1877-1930)

DOLAN

Michael Dolan, married to Mary Jane Allan, managed a shoe shop on the Opeongo Road in Barry's Bay. Their children are Leona (c1893), Evelyn (c1894), Emmett (c1896), Margaret (1899), Catherine (1901), Florence (July 10, 1903), Thomas (July 10, 1903) and Joseph Wilfred (May 30, 1905).



*Mrs. John Donner (Ellen O'Reilly) & Children
Margaret, John & Mary*

DOONER

John Dooner (1862 – October 2, 1924), born at Pakenham, married Ellen O'Reilly (c1866 – June 8, 1930), a daughter of James O'Reilly of Osceola, in 1884. John was a fire ranger, and also used to load trains with logs to be used as telephone poles. Their children were: Mary W. (April 12, 1890 – February 1954) married James Sullivan, a son of James Sullivan and Hanora Conway, on November 12, 1912; Margaret, a teacher; John Desmond (c1897), a lumber foreman who served in WWI and married Bernice Mildred Chapman (died 1936), a daughter of William Chapman and sister to Mrs. George Noonan; Sylvester (August 29, 1908 – December 17, 1983), a lumberman who moved to Quebec.

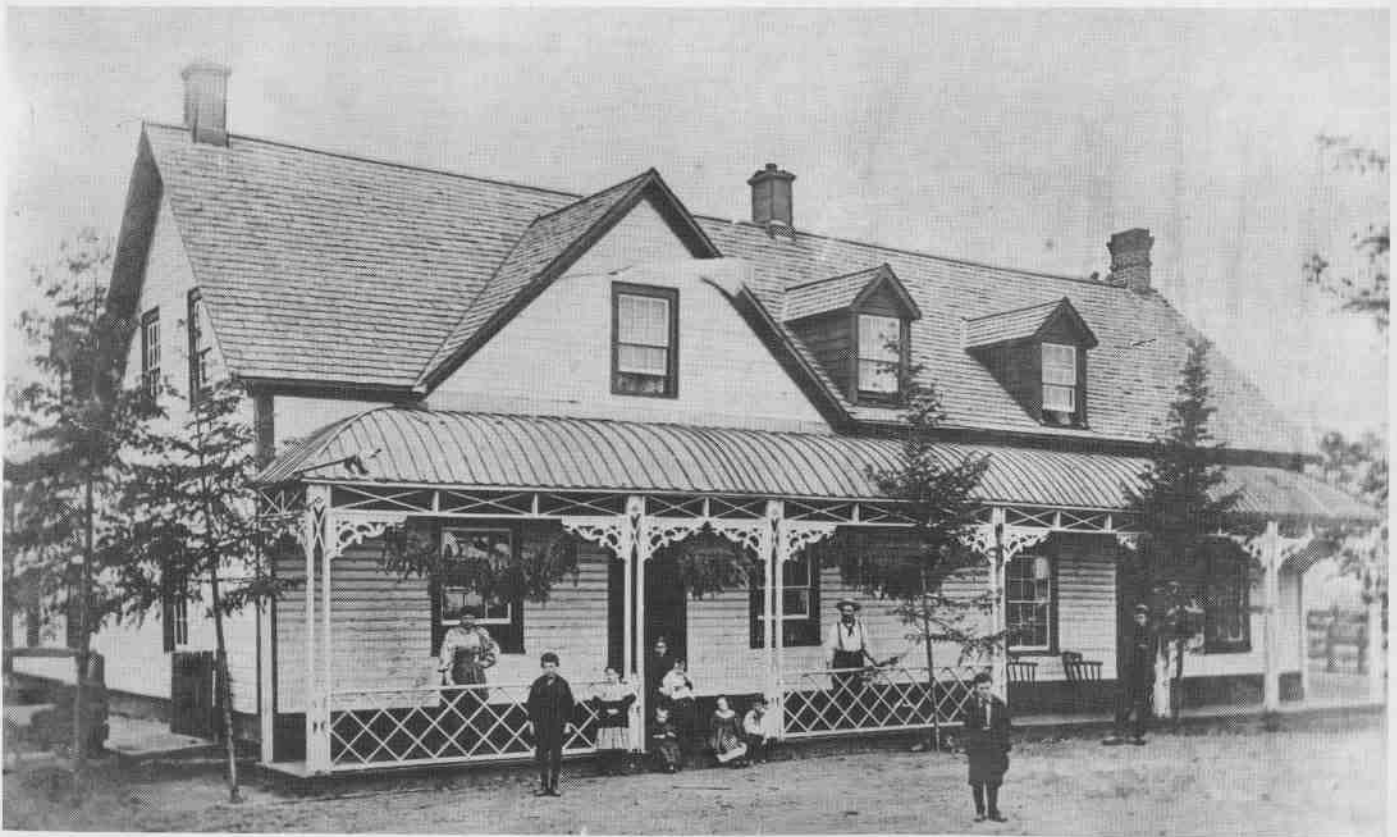
DROHAN

James Drohan (c1850 – April 15, 1914) was born in Waterford, Ireland, and came to this area in the early 1880s. He built a stopping place along the Opeongo Road. The village of Barry's Bay formed around this hotel, and in this sense, James could be considered the first resident of Barry's Bay. The hotel was commonly known as the Blueberry Hotel, and upon the advent of liquor licences became officially the Windsor Hotel. The decline came with prohibition during WWI. Today an Esso Service Station stands in its place at the corner of Opeongo Line and Bay Street. James married Margaret Kirwan, a daughter of Barclay Kirwan and Catherine Costello of Brudenell; Margaret was born at Fallowfield, near Ottawa. Their



James Drohan

children were: Barclay Francis (c1886 – May 10, 1915); Peter (February 21, 1887 – July 8, 1966); Anna Mary (c1890) married John Maroney on May 18, 1909; Katherine Teresa (October 30, 1891 – April 11, 1977) married Michael James Kelly on July 9, 1923; John Thomas (c1894 – November 11, 1952); Joseph Patrick (1895 – December 19, 1961), active in both hockey and baseball, was an agent for a farm machinery company; William (1896 – July 26, 1897); Margaret (1899) married Patrick



Drohan's Hotel On Opeongo Road



Anna Mary & Katherine Drohan

Sylvester MacNamara on May 27, 1914.

John Thomas, a lumberman, married Johanna Culhane (c1896 — February 20, 1940), a daughter of Maurice Culhane and Ellen Kiely of Douglas. On October 25, 1945, John married Stella Recoskie, a daughter of Francis Recoskie and Agnes Pick. Their children are Jerome (Susan Dennison), Patricia (Frederic Coustin) and John Thomas.

DUPUIS

One Dupuis family listed in the 1871 census was that of Peter Dupuis (December 10, 1830), a son of Jean-Baptiste Dupuis and Genevieve Bertrand, and Julia Parisien (August 21, 1843), a daughter of Antoine Parisien and Louise Brisson. This family came from Thurso about 1865 and settled on a farm at Bark Lake. Their children were Peter (May 23, 1861), Leo (December 4, 1862), Antoine (c1865), Baptiste (January 14, 1867), Julia (July 17, 1868), Louise (April 16, 1870), Sarah Ann (February 3, 1872), Michael (August 3, 1873), Meddy (June 3, 1875), Thomas (November 13, 1877), Oliver (May 15, 1879), Christina (December 28, 1880), Daniel (April 5, 1882), Samuel (March 3, 1884), and Selina (December 5, 1887).

Another family also on a farm at Bark Lake was that of Vincent Dupuis (c1836) and Margaret Arnold (c1841 — November 11, 1903). Vincent was Peter's brother and came here about 1869. Their family contained the following: John Baptiste married Ida Price of Bangor on September 27, 1898; Ephraim; Alexander (Mabel Price); Jane (Joseph Amedie Parisien); Margaret (Eli Ferguson); Katherine (George Chambers); Maria; Matilda married Paul Filiatrault on June 16, 1902; Betsy.

Children of Alexander Dupuis and Mabel Price are Alexander, Donald Baptiste (February 3, 1904 — September 29, 1905), Benjamin, Thomas, John S., Mary E.

Later years saw two Dupuis families in attendance. The children of Arthur Dupuis and Mary Price are Angela, Eileen, Daniel and Patricia. The children of Simon Dupuis and Edna Chippior are Garry, Darlene, Dennis and Donna.

FITZGERALD

John Edward Fitzgerald (January 17, 1900 — January 17, 1967), a son of Michael Fitzgerald and Ellen McEvoy, married Valentine Martin (September 28, 1902 — May 27, 1961), a daughter of Amos Martin and Eva Larose of Whitney, in 1938. Jack worked in the cattle-raising business and lumbering before moving to Barry's Bay from Maynooth in 1946. He opened a marketaria on Stafford Street; when fire destroyed that store in 1958, he entered the furniture business at the same location (today's Yantha Enterprise). Their children are: Marie married Alphonse Yantha, a son of John Yantha and Thecla Norlock, on January 24, 1959; John (August 21, 1941 — June 10, 1968) died when fire broke out in his house adjacent to the store.

GEORGE

Henry George (c1857 — September 1919) of Eganville married Ellen Furlong (died March 1944), a daughter of Michael Furlong and Mary McDermott. Henry was a storekeeper and came to Barry's Bay in the 1890s to manage Frank Stafford's store. Later, Henry opened his own general store nearby (today's Valley Savings Credit Union on Opeongo Square). Henry moved to Ottawa about 1907. Their children were: Josie married Alexander B. McNaughton on June 7, 1905; John D., an Ottawa car dealer, married Gertrude O'Brien and Annie Rowan; Nina married Dr. J. Phipps McDermott; Monica; Oswald, a railway station master at Eganville and Ottawa, married Pearl Stewart; Hilary, a CNR employee at Ottawa, married May Dunlop; Gertrude married Emerson Plant. Monica and Gertrude were government employees in Ottawa.

Dominic George (December 11, 1890), a son of William George and Hannah Deloughery, married Anna O'Connor (April 20, 1895), a daughter of John O'Connor and Margaret McDonald, and worked in Barry's Bay as an hotel clerk. Their children are: Ellen married Basil Harrington, a son of Dennis Harrington and Catherine Walsh; Vivian married Basil Boisvert on November 8, 1952; Bernadette (Joseph Villeneuve); Dorothy; Anna Mary (September 1, 1931 — July 17, 1940).

GRACE

Hugh Grace (died August 26, 1943), son of Martin Grace of Killaloe and husband of Lillian Homer, was a bank manager in Barry's Bay. The children are Marilyn, Basil, Byron and Maureen.

GUINTHER

John Henry Guinther (c1891), a son of John Lewis Guinther and Frederica Trolley, married Mathilda Mayhew (c1887 — November 8, c1936), a daughter of



John Henry Guinther

Napoleon Mayhew and Victoria Goyea, on August 6, 1913, and were here about 1913-1929. Besides working on the railroad, John was also a scaler, while Mathilda was a seamstress. Their children are Mary Mathilda, Carl, Charles, John, Joseph, Edward, Ransan and Theresa; twins, Margaret and Charlotte, died on October 28th and 30th respectively, in 1918, at the age of six months.

KIELY

John C. Kiely (c1851 — January 6, 1924) of Mt. St. Patrick married Johanna Sullivan (c1855 — June 3, 1935), a daughter of James Sullivan and Mary O'Connor. John and Johanna eventually retired beside T.P. Murray. As a

matter of fact, two daughters, born at Mt. St. Patrick, married two sons of James Murray and Hanora Belkwell. Mary or Minnie (c1882 — March 29, 1929) married Michael Murray in 1911, while Johanna (January 1888 — December 2, 1953) married Thomas P. Murray in 1910.

KIRWAN

Four children of Barclay Kirwan and Catherine Costello of Brudenell lived in Barry's Bay: Margaret (c1860 — December 13, 1943) married James Drohan; William (c1866 — March 10, 1920); Ellen Mary (1867 — February 6, 1963) married Thomas P. Jordan; Catherine married Michael Dunnigan.

William married Hannah Whelan, a daughter of James Whelan of Brudenell. Their daughter, Mary Catherine, died on September 29, 1899, at the age of about nine months. William succeeded William Martin who retired as postmaster in October 1902. A few years prior to this, the location of the post office had been changed from the top of Kitts' Hill (now known as Mintha's Hill) to a building beside the present-day office of Dr. Andrew Chapek. After his wife died, William married Maria Boudreau, a daughter of Gilbert Boudreau and Mary Carr, at Tramore, on October 20, 1908. William continued as postmaster for a period of almost 18 years until his death in 1920.

KITTS

Charles Kitts (1845 — October 4, 1921), a son of Michael Kitts and Margaret Howe, was born in Gouldburn Township, near Ottawa. He married Rose Ann Murray, a daughter of Michael Murray and Mary Green, at Brude-



Kitts Family - c1897

BACK: James, William, Joseph; MIDDLE: Margaret, Francis, Mabel, Roseann (Murray) John, Charles, Clare; FRONT: Rose & Agatha



John Bryson Kitts (1889-1954)

nell on August 30, 1875. The family lived west of Barry's Bay on Kitts' Hill, later to be known as Mintha's Hill. Charles had been there as early as 1871. Besides carrying on farming operations, the Kitts also ran a stopping-place for travellers on the Opeongo Road. Their children were: Joseph (1876 — July 1958) was a carpenter; William Patrick (1878 — October 7, 1948); James C., a farmer, married Lillian Preston, and lived in the Timmins area; Margaret (c1881 — May 19, 1906) married James Sullivan, a son of James Sullivan and Hanora Conway, on July 19, 1905; Rose Ann (1882 — November 1972) married William Doyle on October 16, 1917; Clare (December 22, 1885 — December 26, 1978) married Thomas Patrick



Ellen (Whelan) & William Kitts



Charles J. Kitts (1922-1971)

Conway, a son of Michael Conway and Margaret Mulvihill, on January 2, 1922; Francis (1887 — July 1939) worked in Ottawa for Bell Telephone; John Bryson (1889 — June 20, 1954) married Julia Manion (October 13, 1890 — December 27, 1967) and operated a grocery store in Cormac; Mabel Mary (May 17, 1891 — May 8, 1969) became Sr. Agatha; Agatha Cecilia (February 14, 1893 — September 8, 1935) married Mark Leonard Billings, a son of John Billings and Mary Daly, on September 14, 1921. When Charles retired to a house built for him in Barry's Bay, he opened an ice cream parlour which was run by Rose Ann and Clare. This building is now the Doyle home.

William Patrick married Ellen Whelan (c1888 — May 25, 1973) of Mt. St. Patrick, in 1910. William worked for the Department of Highways. Their children are: Charles E. (August 25, 1912 — June 1969), a banker, married Clare Hogan; Mary Ellen (Allan Clark); Marguerite (Sam Magee); Jamesina married Stafford Lessard on August 31, 1948; Vivian married Edward Chapman on December 29, 1952; Edna married Lawrence McCann on September 7, 1949. Vivian and Edna both worked at the bank.

Charles Joseph Richard Kitts (July 18, 1922 — June 25, 1971), a son of John Bryson Kitts and Julia Manion, married Joan Valiquette, a daughter of Martin Valiquette and Theresa Ludgate, in 1953. Charles moved from

Cormac to Barry's Bay in 1954 to open Kitts' Grocery Store, located in the present-day Valley Savings Credit Union. Charlie had worked for ten years for the Department of Transport before operating a general store in Foy-mount. He served as a Barry's Bay councillor for a 3-year period. Their children are: Julie (Shannon Delaney); John Bryson (Liliano Dizio); Colleen (Michael Chapman); Charles Joseph (Janice Ray); James; Robert (Karen Kilby); Martin; Mary Ann; William Michael.



LaHaie Family - 1936

*BACK: Virginia (Castagne), Matt, Lucien, Wilfred;
FRONT: George, Jean-Paul & Roland*

LAHAIE

Mathias LaHaie (December 28, 1896 — April 11, 1963) was born in Washburn, Wisconsin, a son of Fred LaHaie. Virginia Castagne (August 13, 1895 — October 11, 1969) was born at Montreal, a daughter of Philip Castagne of Hull. Matt and Virginia were married in 1917 at Nesterville and moved in 1936 to Barry's Bay where Matt worked as a sawyer. Their five sons were also involved initially in lumbering. Their five children are: Lucien; Wilfred (March 24, 1920 — April 22, 1974) married Georgette Campeau; Jean Paul (January 2, 1923 — February 27, 1982); George (Helen LaMarsh); Roland (Betty Ash). Matt served in WWI while Lucien, Wilfred, George and Roland joined the army during WWII.

Lucien married Euphrezene (or Eppie) Etmanskie, a daughter of Allan Etmanskie and Magdalen Blank. Their children are: Kenneth (Eileen Onhaiser); Denis (Rita Yantha); Richard (Edith); Graham (Lois Ross); David;

Marlene (Duane Deley); Lucille (Richard Baum); Denise (Peter Bittenaar). After working for McRea's, Lucien moved to Burlington where he worked at die casting.

LAVALLEY

James S. Lavalley (c1896 — January 16, 1985), a railroad employee, and his wife, Sarah Aird, lived here briefly about 1940. Their children are: Patricia married Paul Arial on June 3, 1940; Harold; Evelyn (Rene Larocque); Margie married William Nicholson, a son of Harry Nicholson and Mary Zilney; Joan (William Sismey); Wanita (Ken Avery); Sheila (Lawrence Rousselle); Andrew.



Family Of Joseph & Elizabeth Letang

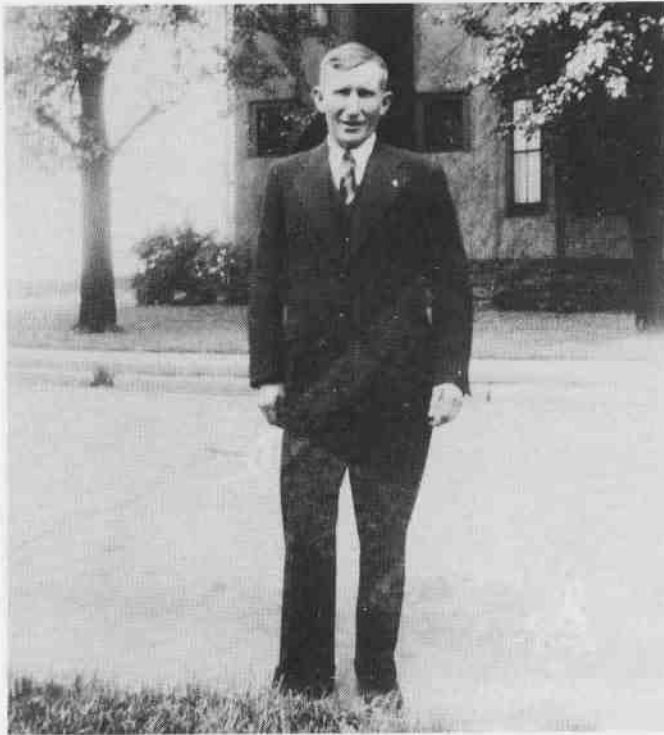
*BACK: Harry, Lila, May, Elizabeth (Meyer) Joseph;
FRONT: Ebbie, Inez & Leonard*

LETANG

Joseph Oscar Letang (c1856 — June 15, 1931), a son of Joseph Letang of Almonte and his wife Elizabeth Meyers (died 1954) moved to Brudenell in 1885 and then came on to Barry's Bay in the 1890s. Joseph managed Stafford's store, the family living in a residence attached to the store. Joseph was an apprentice storeman which meant that he could manage all aspects of a general store. Their children were: Mary Anastasia (1875 — August 19, 1967) married James A. Costello on January 17, 1899; Rev. Henry Edward (September 24, 1880 — May 17, 1943); Lila (August 11, 1882), a teacher, married John Francis Burns on August 11, 1908, and moved to Montreal; Leonard (Mary McKinnon), a store manager, moved to London; Inez (Matthew Mulhearn) moved to Montreal; Rev. Edward Ambrose (August 30, 1888 — January 20, 1940). Joseph and Margaret moved to Allumette Island after their son, Henry, became pastor there in 1913.

LEVAIR

The family of Antoine and Josette Levair moved to Hagarty Township from Quebec in the early 1860s. It ap-



Walter (Paddy) Levair

pears that some of the first marriages between local Polish and non-Polish residents involved two members of this family. The 1871 census shows that Margaret, wife of Seraphin Levair, and Mary, wife of Antoine Levaire, were Polish.

Margaret Levair (c1867-October 21, 1944), a daughter of Seraphin Levair and Margaret Shulist, married Alexander Rumleskie and lived in Barry's Bay attending St. Lawrence's.

Thomas Levair (died 1921), a son of Seraphin, married Mary Belaskie (died August 31, 1967) in 1894. Their son, Walter (or Paddy), learned shoe making in Killaloe and worked in Golden Lake before coming to Barry's Bay to open a shoe repair shop. In 1928 Mrs. Thomas Levair came to Barry's Bay to do housekeeping for Paddy (c1899 – October 17, 1975) until his marriage to Margaret Mousseau in October 1931; they had two sons, Bernard and Wilfred.

MAHON

Richard Mahon, a son of James Mahon, married Margaret E. Smith, a teacher. Richard originally worked at lumbering and moved to Barry's Bay (Conway Street) from Brudenell; later he began work at Craigmont. The family lived in Barry's Bay at least from 1904 to 1916. The children are: Ethel (James Quilty); Evelyn (William McDougall); Thomas (Grace Cowan); Harold (Leona O'Brien); James died as a child; Ruby (George Pelves); Richard Joseph (Bilberte Seguin); Robert was killed in a mining explosion in British Columbia.

John Mahon was a bookkeeper for Frank Stafford and lived at the corner of Opeongo Line and Dumm Street in a house where the Hilary Jones family lived. John was

married to Catherine McDougall; their daughter, Catherine Agnes (c1875) married Donald A. McDonald on October 16, 1907.

McARTHUR

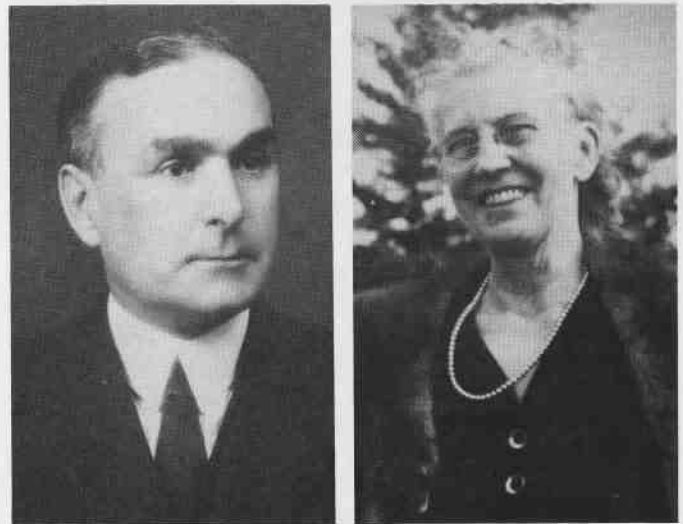
Harvey McArthur of Renfrew married Catherine Etmanskie (March 1916 – February 13, 1961), a daughter of Allan Etmanskie and Magdalen Blank. Their children are: George; Margaret married Alvin Cowan, a son of William Cowan and Martha Zilney, on July 31, 1971; William (Lillian Martindale); Michael; Sonia married Ronald Pecaskie, a son of Ambrose Pecaskie and Emma Prince, on September 7, 1974.

McDERMOTT

Dr. J. Phipps McDermott (c1884 – February 3, 1960), a son of James McDermott and Ann Rogers of Eganville, married Nina George, a daughter of Henry George and Ellen Furlong. Obtaining his medical degree in 1910, he began his practice in Killaloe, often travelling to Barry's Bay by horse or by rail to care for the sick. About 1930, he moved to Barry's Bay where he practised until his retirement about 1957 when he moved to Ottawa.

McKAY

Michael McKay, married to Mary Margaret Enright, operated the Windsor Hotel in 1902. Their daughter is Mary Elizabeth Veronica (March 8, 1902).



George J. Noonan & Helen E. (Chapman)

NOONAN

George J. Noonan (died 1962) and Helen E. Chapman (died 1964) moved from Perth to Barry's Bay in 1917 when George was appointed as the manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada; later it became the Bank of Montreal. In the 1960s, a new bank was built beside the old one which was then demolished. In 1973, George moved to a new posting at Grand Falls, N.B. Their children are: George C. (died 1940) married Kathleen Burgess; Sister Marion; Donald (died 1978); Bernice (died

1967) married Gerard Gorman; Helen (Joseph Poupore); Edward (June 11, 1922-1978) married Lella Arsenault; Eric (Patricia Tannahill).



Joseph O'Grady & Teresa (Costello)

O'GRADY

Joseph L. O'Grady (July 6, 1900 — January 21, 1974), a lumber truck driver for J.P. Conway, and son of Cornelius O'Grady and Hanora Sheridan (c1854 — July 12, 1936) of Brudenell, married Teresa Costello (September 13, 1903 — July 29, 1978), a daughter of James Costello and Bridget Cull, in 1926. Hanora lived in Barry's Bay for about one year before her death. Joe and Tessie had 8 children who died in infancy; their daughter, Bernice, married John Murray Billings, a son of Mark Leonard Billings and Agatha Cecilia Kitts, on September 4, 1950.

PARISIEN

The 1871 census shows that Antoine Parisien (c1819) and his wife Louise Brisson (c1819) were living on a farm at Bark Lake at that time. Census returns suggest that the children were Julia (Peter Dupuis), Michael, Joseph Amedie, Oliver, Francis, Mary Jane and Antoine. The first time Amedie saw a wolf occurred during a trip from Bark Lake to Brudenell; while passing through Barry's Bay, which was then mainly a field of pine stumps, the wolf was seen lurking among the stumps.

Joseph Amedie (June 19, 1848 — February 26, 1922) married Jane Dupuis (c1864). Amedie was a hewer of square timbers for James Skead, and eventually settled at Bell's Rapids. Their children are: Joseph; Louisa (Patrick



Oliver Parisien & Christine (Vallieres)

Ryan); David (Lizzie Watson); Rosalie (Felix Prince); Celina; Sophrene (Theophile Guindon); Baptiste (Rosie Byers); Medie married Catherine Cowan, a daughter of Frederick Cowan and Bridget Seguin; Clifford; Philomena (Delphis Parisien and Frank Rhode). Baptiste worked at lumbering while Medie farmed.

Oliver Parisien (c1850 — October 28, 1923) married Christine Vallieres (c1859 — October 12, 1903), a daughter of Paul Vallieres and Elizabeth Brunette, at Brudenell on April 23, 1878. Besides using a broadaxe to hew logs, Oliver also ran the river with these logs during the drive. Their children are: Julie; Abraham (Sophie Vallieres and Kate Vallieres); Joseph; Francis (Rose Gauthier); Celina (Andre Lalonde); Louis (Gwendolyn Boyle); Delphis (Philomena Parisien). Abraham and Joseph worked in Sudbury at carpentry and lumbering respectively while Delphis worked at both of these occupations in Thessalon; Frank (or Ozias) operated a sawmill at Sherbrooke, and Louis was a blacksmith at Pembroke and Maple Leaf while Celina moved to Casselman. Oliver married Abigail Dunn, a daughter of William and Ann Dunn, on March 14, 1904.

PELLETIER

Daniel Pelletier (c1872 — May 26, 1915), a son of Isaac Pelletier and Barbara Motte, married Mary Regan, a daughter of Patrick Regan and Sarah Ring, on October 26, 1900. Their daughter was Mary Jane (February 24, 1903).

POTTER

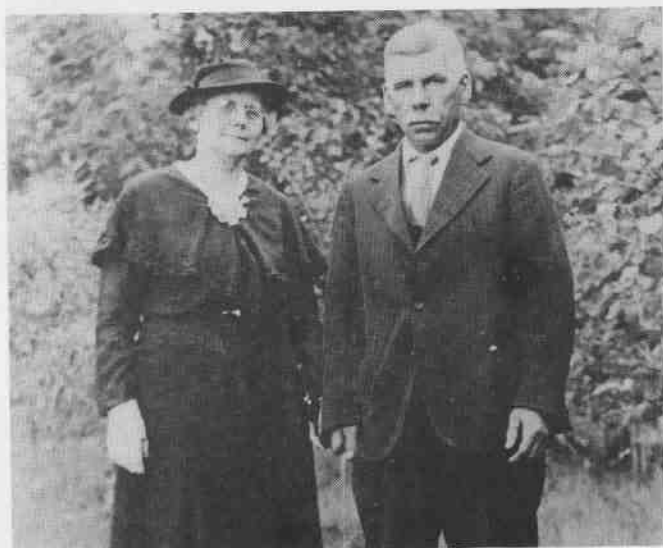
Herman Potter (c1862 — July 18, 1931) came to Quadeville from Frankfurt, Germany, with his parents, John Potter and Christina Becker. In 1890, Herman married



BACK: Alec, Evelyn, Jane, William; FRONT: Margaret (Corrigan), Francis, Herman Potter

Mary Jane Nolan (c1864 – October 28, 1906) of Brudenell. They moved from Eganville to Barry's Bay about 1901; Herman operated a blacksmith shop (today's Richard Robyn and Associates). Their children are: Arthur (August 24, 1892), a CPR conductor, married Leona Risto; Christina (January 28, 1895), a teacher, married William Reid; James (August 11, 1896) moved to Detroit; Charles (February 6, 1898), a Bell Telephone employee, married Eileen Mahoney; Mary Jane (May 15, 1902) married Lawrence O'Neill; William (May 15, 1902 – February 24 1955), a miner and later a member of the armed forces, married Margaret Vincent; Alex (March 29, 1904) was a miner; Evelyn (October 8, 1905) married Thomas Gardner.

After Mary Jane died, Herman married Margaret Corrigan (January 4, 1872 – June 5, 1949), a daughter of William Corrigan and Frances Carty of Brudenell, in 1908. Their son, Francis (June 4, 1911 – August 11, 1969) served as a policeman in Pembroke and later in security at Ottawa; he married Susan Beanish, a daughter of Anthony Beanish and Marie Etmanskie.



Annie (Pulchenskie) & John Skebo

SAUCIER

Louis Saucier, a lumberman, married Elizabeth Beaudry. Their children are: Louis Benjamin (February 19, 1893 – December 5, 1916); Findlay (c1896); Joseph (c1898); John (c1900) married Dorothy Campbell; Annie Elizabeth (January 8, 1903) married Arthur Dumas; Vera; Mary Margaret (August 7, 1912 – November 8, 1912).

SKEBO

John Skebo was employed as a foreman for the railroad. He married Annie Pulchenskie, and attended St. Lawrence's from at least 1909 to 1922. Their children are: Joseph; Alexander (1903 – February 7, 1927); Anna Mary (August 12, 1906 – December 25, 1906); Leo; Isaiah (March 26, 1911 – April 8, 1984) married Bridget Ann Rouble; twin daughters were born on February 15, 1913, one dying on February 17, the other on March 4. The family moved to Renfrew in 1938.

SLOAN

John Patrick Sloan (1866 – February 1942), a lumberman and contractor, married Annie Boudreau (1871 – September 26, 1955) of Tramore. After living in Massey for a while, the family settled in Barry's Bay at least by 1918. Their children are: Margaret (Thomas Edward Silver) lived in Iroquois Falls; Loretta (March 12, 1896 – February 24, 1978) married Michael James Smith, a son of Stephen Smith and Ellen Mangan, on September 6, 1920, and lived at Sault Ste Marie and Iroquois Falls; Cecilia (F.H. Ball and Gordon Austin) moved to Pembroke; Patrick moved to Timmins; Irene (Harold R. Davidson and Philip Marks); Vera (George Pickens); Murray (c1916 – December 1953) moved to North Bay; Carmond (May 4, 1919 – December 1, 1972). Irene, Vera and Carmond moved to Toronto.

SMITH

Stephen E. Smith of Eganville married Ellen Mangan of Maynooth and lived in Brudenell before coming to Barry's Bay about 1895. Stephen had a furniture store across from St. Lawrence's (it became F. Yakabuski Limited, now used as storage) and was a carpenter and undertaker. Stephen served as councillor, then reeve and finally clerk of the United Townships of Hagarty, Sherwood, Jones, Richards and Burns. Their children were: Mary Eveline (March 25, 1890) married Daniel Deady (April 1, 1889) in September 1914; Margaret (c1894); Michael James (April 10, 1896 – February 25, 1980), an electrician, married Loretta Sloan, a daughter of John Patrick Sloan and Annie Boudreau, on September 6, 1920; Mary Loretta (1897); Mary Ann (1898); Stephen Cyril (1900); Mary Ellen (1901); Thomas J. (January 19, 1903 – June 25, 1913); Stephen Henry (January 19, 1904 – June 13, 1905); Rev. Leo Gerard (February 27, 1905); Agnes (c1906 – May 31, 1913); Mary Lillian (1908 – June 7, 1913); Helena Marion (February 10, 1910 – September 11, 1910). Several died as children, including



Barry's Bay Baseball Club - 1910

BACK: Capt. T.P. Murray, c, Wm. Kerwin, Sec, Wm. Murray, 2nd b., S.E. Smith, Mgr., Mich. Murray, r.f., J. Cyra, 1st b., Peter Biernacki, p.; FRONT: Chas. Murray 3rd b., Henry Chapeski, lf., Frank Stafford, Pres., Peter Drohan, c.f., Dan Murray, s.s., John Drohan, Utility.

three of spinal meningitis in 1913. About 1918, the family moved to Sault Ste Marie.

STAFFORD

Frank Stafford owned the first store in Barry's Bay, a general store that was located along the Openongo Road (today the Occupation Centre) near Billings' Hotel and the site of the train station. Frank was a bachelor and when fire destroyed his store in Barry's Bay, he also started a general store in Combermere, near the bridge, across from the Hudson Hotel. Frank took a keen interest in sports and was a strong force behind the coming of St. Lawrence's

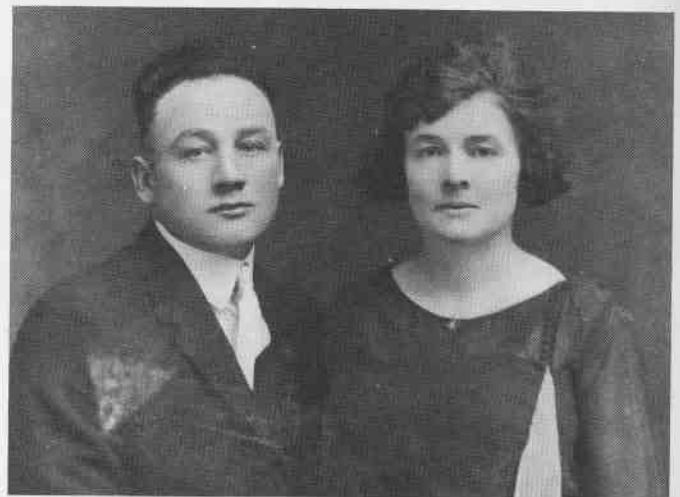
TURNER

Mary Anne or Minnie Billings (September 19, 1876 – March 1955), a daughter of Josh Billings and Catherine O'Neill, married George Turner (c1866), a lumberman and son of Robert Turner and Elizabeth Stone of Eganville. Their children, Mary Catherine (June 9, 1903), Isaiah (September 28, 1905), Annie (August 29, 1907) and Benedict (Helen Hyndman) were born in Barry's Bay. The family lived here for at least 10 years before moving to Eganville and then Ottawa.

VITKUSKE

Dixon Vitkuske, a son of John Vitkuske and Annie Cybulskie, married Rita Nicholson, a daughter of Harold Nicholson and Mary Zilney, on November 10, 1951. Their children are Lenore (Michael Smith) and Jayne.

Dixon's parents, John Vitkuske (his first wife was Margaret Cashubec) and Annie Cybulskie, attended St. Lawrence's at least from 1914 to 1928.



Norman Walker & Mary Alice (Sullivan)

WALKER

Norman Walker (February 22, 1899 – September 1, 1957), a son of Jediah Walker and Rachael Marie Parks, married Mary Alice Sullivan, a daughter of James Sullivan and Hanora Conway, on January 16, 1924. Coming to Barry's Bay about 1913, Norman worked on farms until he enlisted in the army, serving in France and Belgium during WWI. Returning to Barry's Bay after the war, Norman worked in the lumber industry and finally for the Department of Highways, starting in the early 1940s. He served on Barry's Bay council in 1944. Their children are: Nora married Delbert O'Donnell on October 17, 1949; Genevieve married John Crawford on April 16, 1955. Both daughters reside in Ottawa.



Maria (Conway) & Michael Whelan - 1900



John Whelan (1856-1931)

WHELAN

Five children of James Whelan of Brudenell, all born in Huntley, came to live in Barry's Bay. John (December 6, 1856 – November 15, 1931) came to Barry's Bay about 1901. Michael (March 9, 1859 – June 10, 1942) married Maria Conway. Hannah (May 11, 1864 – January 5, 1907) married William Kirwan. Teresa or Tessie (c1865 – June 22, 1915) also lived with her brother John. Ellen (March 4, 1868 – January 17, 1907) married Michael Conway, a son of Michael Conway and Margaret Mulvihill.

Michael married Maria Conway, a daughter of Michael Conway and Margaret Mulvihill, in 1888. After living in Brudenell for 19 years, the family moved to Charlton in 1907, and finally to Barry's Bay in 1929. One daughter, Josephine (April 17, 1891 – February 1974) became Sr. Margaret in 1922 and served as a teacher for 52 years. Another daughter, Clara (c1893 – February 15, 1963), chose to look after her parents instead of entering the

convent. After her father died in 1942, Clara became a church housekeeper in Ottawa, returning eventually to live in Barry's Bay. Three children, Mary Kate, Helena and Michael, died of diptheria in 1903. Other children are Gertrude (J. Morrisey) and Michael. James T., or J.T. (June 12, 1895 – February 26, 1970), married to Viola Simms, worked for Conway's Lumber. Their children are Jacqueline and George.

Another Ellen Whelan (c1888 – May 25, 1973), of Mt. St. Patrick, married William Kitts, a son of Charles Kitts and Rose Ann Murray, in 1910.

FURTHER PARISHIONERS

There is incomplete information on other parishioners and some are included below with their children and approximate years of attendance.

Patrick BOHAN and Annie Dolan: Loretta (c1890), Edward (c1892), Annie (c1893), Mildred (1899), Beatrice (April 28, 1903); 1899-1903.

George BOYLE and Ann Smith: Ernest Patrick (c1902); 1911-1912.

John Edward BROST and Thelma Michaud: Edward, Robert, David, Nancy; 1951-1963.

Patrick CARROLL and Mary Benson: Timothy, Tracy; 1967-1971.

Harvey DAWE and Kay Weaver: John; 1958-1965.

Thomas DELANEY (c1891-Nov. 12, 1912) drowned in the sinking of the Mayflower.

Dr. Patrick DOOLEY and Soulange Gougeon: Edward, Patrick, Emma Jane (Dennis Higgins), Mary (Mark MacDougall); 1955-1960.

John GERMAIN and Rosemary Coyne: Robert, Janice; 1955.

Edmund GOLKA and Carmel Dombroskie: Debra, Evan Edmund; 1953-1954.

Gerald GORDON and Joyce Carroll: Cheryl, Michael; 1966-1967.

Gordon HAWLEY and Audrey Hisco: Sharon, Murray, Jane; 1961-1964.

Mrs. John HIBBS (Elizabeth Foster).

Charles HILDEBRANDT and Ellen Wiesneski: Ambrose Charles; 1921-1923.

Philip LANGEVIN and Lila LeClair: Muriel; 1922-1928.

John LESSARD and Mary Cooper: Victor, John, Clifford, Clayton; 1931-1934.

William MACKIN and Elsie Labonte: Shirley (James Watt), Gary, Sheldon, William (1943-1964), Anne, Rose Marie; 1950-1953.

John MARCELLUS: Lawrence; 1938-1940.

Peter McCABE and Lothe McDougall: Alfred (c1898 – June 6, 1971); 1909-1913.

Charles MCLAUGHLIN and Florence Kennedy: Mary Audrey, Eleanor, Mary Marjorie, Patricia, James, Charles Joseph; 1936-1941.

Alan MEAGHER and Teresa Kennedy: Daniel, Gary, Kerri (February 2, 1967 – May 1975); 1967-1976.

Joseph and Margaret MONETTE: Margaret, Raymond,

Patricia, Terrence; 1938-1943.
 Ronald MONTREUIL and Anne Marie Van Helvert:
 Sheila, Joan, Yvonne, Louise, Alison, Caroline;
 1963-1973.
 Thomas T. MORAN, harness-maker.
 Donald ORR and Pearl Weleschuk: Maureen, Denise,
 Kevin, James, Jennifer; 1967-1970.
 Henry PERRIER and Agnes Lavictoire: Joseph Roland,
 Felicia Mary; 1924-1925.
 Marc ROBERTSON and Claire Poirier: Paul, Dale, Kim;
 1980.
 Anthony ROSS: Joy (Sylvester Bleskie), Francis (Martha
 Yeretch).
 James SCULLEY and Kate Foy: James, Thomas, Craig,
 Bernard; 1911-1918.
 Max SEELENMAYER and Elisabeth Pulhert: Patrick,
 Henrietta, Ira, Ingrid; 1952-1953.
 Charles SOIKE and Elizabeth Boldt: Hedwig Rose, Hilde-
 garde Eleanor; 1912-1916.

50th ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 50th anniversary marking the estab-
 lishment of the parish of St. Lawrence O'Toole, a celebra-
 tion was held on Sunday, July 8, 1984. Bishop J.R.
 Windle, escorted into the church by an honour guard of

the Knights of Columbus, officiated at an afternoon
 Mass. Present for the Mass were many present-day and
 former parishioners, some from distant locations. The
 following members of the clergy came to take part in the
 service: Bishop J.R. Windle, R.L. Born, Mervin Coulas,
 Norbert J. Cybulski, S. Kadziolka, David Kelly; Joseph
 C. Legree, Emmett J. Murray, J.K. O'Brien, Joseph
 O'Malley, Ambrose Pick, Bernard Prince, A.J.
 Rekowski, Leonard W. Sammon, Rick L. Stark. Follow-
 ing the Mass, a dinner was served by the C.W.L. in the
 parish hall where a head table was made up of Bishop J.R.
 Windle, Rev. J.E. Green, Rev. E.J. Murray, Rev. J.C.
 Legree, William (master of ceremonies) and Barb
 Goulet, Robert (author of church history) and Catherine
 Corrigan, Mrs. Nora Landon (oldest parishioner), James
 and Valerie Manion (parents of youngest parishioner).
 Fr. Green welcomed everyone to the occasion and
 Robert Corrigan gave a brief account of the history of the
 parish while Fr. Murray spoke about Rev. M.S. McNama-
 ra, the first parish priest of St. Lawrence's. Presentations
 to the parish were made by M.P.P. Paul Yakabuski and
 M.P. Len Hopkins. Sean Conway, M.P.P., and Bishop
 J.R. Windle were the other speakers. A social evening fol-
 lowed the dinner.



50th Anniversary Celebration

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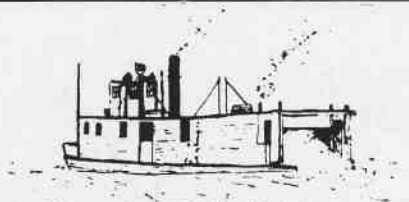
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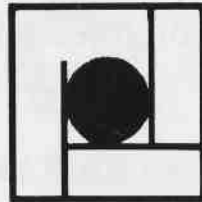
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