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Ontario (Mooney's) Hotel is likely the building on the left in the background

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

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Cover Photo:

The cover photo shows Mooney's Bay and Walkley Road looking south before the widening of Bowesville Road in 1940. The building on the left is thought to be the Ontario (Mooney's) Hotel.

Photo from City of Ottawa Archives CA 2119

Historic Gloucester is published by The Gloucester Historical Society. It is intended as a Newsletter to members of the Society to provide interesting articles on Gloucester's past and to keep them informed of new acquisitions by the Museum, publications available, upcoming events and other items of general interest. Comments and suggestions regarding the Newsletter are always welcome.



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President's Report

By Glenn Clark

.We are pleased to announce the speaker for our 2017 Annual General Meeting. Terence M. Currie, author of "The Ottawa Valley's Great Fire of 1870", published in 2009, will tell us the story of the biggest fire to ever sweep the Ottawa area. The fire had almost encircled the city of Ottawa was being spread by almost hurricane force winds. It was referred to as the "Ten Mile Fire" in Gloucester Township. The book, which will be available for sale, details what immediately became a raging inferno and destroyed countless farms across a wide swath of Carleton County.

Details of the Fire Relief Fund have been located. This will enable us to map the portions of Gloucester that were burned in this fire. Come and see if where you live today was in the line of this great fire. Please mark Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 2 p.m. on your calendar. The meeting location will be announced in the New Year.

In this newsletter, we provide the story of how Mooney's Bay got its name. There has been supposition about the family that the name is attributed to, but now we have definitive information.

Please remember our Grade 8 writing contest. If there is a student in your family, we encourage them to submit an entry. The deadline is April 30, 2017 and first prize is \$150. Please see our website for contest details.

This is the time of year to celebrate and we wish you and your family all the best this Christmas and in 2017.

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for a complete list of all our publications, please visit our website at*

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You are cordially invited

to our Annual General Meeting

which will be held in April 2017 at a time and place to be announced later.

The True Story of How Mooney's Bay Got its Name

By Glenn Clark

The Mooney's Bay name has long been attributed to pioneer hotel operator Patrick Mooney. The hotel was **located** at the corner of Walkley Road and Riverside Drive where the Riverview Gardens townhouse development is located today.

A source of speculation has been Patrick Mooney himself. You see, there was more than one Patrick Mooney and it was unclear which Patrick Mooney actually ran the hotel. Conclusive evidence has now been found based on family obituaries that tie in the Mooney's Bay name and the hotel located there.

From the obituary of Mrs. John J. Murphy nee Mary Ann Mooney – “[*The Mooney family*] moved to Bowesville Road to what is now Mooney's Bay” [*Ottawa Journal*, February 18, 1937 p.12]

From the obituary of Charles P. Mooney – “*Mr. Mooney was born 32 years ago at Mooney's Bay*” [*Ottawa Journal*, September 6, 1917 p.2]

From the obituary of Mrs. James Enright nee Sarah Jane Mooney – “*she was born at Mooney's Bay. Her father operated a hotel at the location which was named for him.*” [*Ottawa Journal*, December 4, 1957 p.43]

From the obituary of Miss Ailie Mooney – “*She received her education at Richmond and prior to coming to Ottawa lived at Mooney's Bay for a number of years. Her father was proprietor of the Ontario Hotel at Mooney's Bay, which received its name from the Mooney family.*” [*Ottawa Journal*, January 14, 1950 p.13]

The Mooney family immigrated to Canada from Ireland in the late 1830s. They settled in Wolford Township at Merrickville. Patrick Mooney was born in about 1839 to parents Archibald (born about 1799) and Mary (born about 1807). He was the first of their children to be born in Canada. Siblings included James (born about 1829), Daniel (David?, born about 1831) Mary (born about 1834), Alice/Ailey (born about 1841), Alexander (born about 1844) and Archibald (born about 1846).

Patrick Mooney married Julia Burns in the early 1860s and they settled in Marlborough Township [*Ottawa Journal*, February 18, 1937 p.12], pioneers of the district. Their first children were born there. By the end of the decade, they moved to Concession 6, Lot 6 Rideau Front, Nepean Township. This is on today's Eagleson Road, just south of Richmond Road and immediately east of the village of Richmond.

The Burns family immigrated to Canada from Ireland in the 1840s. According to Julia Burns' obituary [*Ottawa Journal*, August 28, 1903 p. 9], they first settled at Billings Bridge when she was one year of age. Julia was born on June 15, 1842. They soon relocated to Oxford Township in Grenville County. Julia Burns' parents were James (born about 1800) and Ann (born about 1808) and siblings were Sylvester (born about 1832), John (born about 1834), Timothy (born about 1839), Thomas (born about 1840), Catherine (born about 1841), Mary (born about 1847), Sarah (born about 1849), William (born about 1850) and James (born about 1857).

In 1873, Patrick Mooney and family relocated to Gloucester Township on land bounded on the south by Walkley Road and on the west by the Rideau River. They leased 85 acres at Lot 24 and 25 Junction Gore from Thomas Gleeson. The Mooney's appear to have initially resided on Lot 24. The 1863 Walling Map and early Gloucester assessment records suggest that there was no building on Lot 25 at the corner of Walkley Road and Riverside Drive. At some point later in the 1870's a building was erected on that lot and Patrick Mooney moved there with his family. This became Mooney's or the Ontario Hotel [*Ottawa Journal*, January 14, 1950 p.13]. The hotel is shown on the 1879 Belden map of Gloucester Township. According to Carleton Saga, it was of log construction and had solid red pine beams and rafters. There was a verandah at the front [*Ottawa Citizen*, March 15, 1930 p.1] and according to relatives of the Graham family, the verandah was still present in the later years of its existence.

The Mooney's remained at this location until at least 1887, when they moved into Ottawa at 283 Nepean Street. After this move, Patrick worked as a janitor. Patrick died on August 26, 1894 at age 55

and his wife, Julia Burns died on August 27, 1903. The spelling of Julia's maiden name changed to Byrnes in the latter part of the nineteenth century and this spelling was assumed by other members of her family including brother Sylvester.

The Mooney's were Roman Catholics and members of Lourdes parish while they lived in Gloucester Township. After they moved to Ottawa, they were members of St. Patrick parish.

The children of Patrick and Julia included:

The following were born in Marlborough Township

Mary Ann (September 20, 1865-February 18, 1937) married on September 8, 1903 to John Joseph Murphy, son of John Murphy and Catherine Walkley (Wanley?). Mary Ann was a public school teacher at St. Joseph d'Orléans prior to her marriage. [*Ottawa Journal*, February 18, 1937 p.12]

Catherine (Cassie) (1867-October 31, 1914) married John Callanan of Ogdensburg New York on June 22, 1898 where they later resided. John's parents were John Callanan and Mary Whalen.

The following were born in Nepean Township

Alice/Elie/Elsie/Aila/Aileen/Ailie (August 7, 1868-January 13, 1950) not married

James (October 5, 1870-November 24, 1965) married on January 12, 1915 to Maude Ellen (Modest) Smith, daughter of Robert Smith and Helen Shea.

Archibald (Archie) (September 5, 1872-May 22, 1899) not married. He worked for the Ottawa Electric Railway

The following were born in Gloucester Township

Sarah Jane (September 4, 1877-December 3, 1957) married to James J. Enright on June 27, 1905, son of John C. Enright and Alice McCurley

William Joseph (September 15, 1880 - July 21, 1961) ran a Tobacco Shop on Sparks Street with brother Charles Patrick

Charles Patrick (June 30, 1884-September 5, 1917) not married. He ran a Tobacco Shop on Sparks Street with brother William Joseph

Theresa Emillia (April 23, 1887-April 19, 1902) not married

The Mooney's Bay name was first mentioned in the *Ottawa Journal* on June 30, 1897 (page 6) when the Boy's Club of Emmanuel Church was planning a camping trip. Mooney's Point was mentioned in the same newspaper for a similar event involving the same group on July 25, 1895 (page 7). Mooney's Point was located a short distance upstream from Hog's Back.

The land at Lot 24 and 25 Junction Gore passed to the Graham family in 1890 and remained in their hands until the area was subdivided in the 1960s. The Graham's converted the hotel into a private residence. The building remained on topographical maps until 1958 and was demolished not long afterwards to allow for road improvements.

Unlike today, location names were much more fluid in the past and often related to prominent local families of the time. This was the case when Mooney's Bay was briefly referred to as Graham's Bay [example, *Ottawa Journal*, May 31, 1943 p.20]. The new name did not stick.





The tombstone shown above and on the previous page is for Patrick and Julia Mooney, their children and spouses. It is located in Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa.. The tombstone to the right is for Julia Mooney's parents, James and Ann Burns and is located in Saint Theresa's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Throoptown, Grenville County.

Rideau Hall – A Brief History

Lot 3 Junction Gore, Gloucester Township



This is a continuation of our article on Rideau Hall in the last edition of Historic Gloucester.

The photo on the left shows Rideau Hall as it looks now.

Governor Generals of Canada Who Have Resided at Rideau Hall

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| 1. The Viscount Monck | 1861 (moved in 1866)-November 14, 1868 |
| 2. The Lord Lisgar | February 2, 1869-June 25, 1872 |
| 3. The Earl of Dufferin | June 25, 1872-November 25, 1878 |
| 4. The Marquess of Lorne | November 25, 1878-October 23, 1883 |
| 5. The Marquess of Lansdowne | October 23, 1883-June 11, 1888 |
| 6. The Lord Stanley of Preston | June 11, 1888-September 18, 1893 |
| 7. The Earl of Aberdeen | September 18, 1893-November 12, 1898 |
| 8. The Earl of Minto | November 12, 1898-December 10, 1904 |
| 9. The Earl Grey | December 10, 1904-October 13, 1911 |
| 10. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn | October 11, 1911-November 11, 1916 |
| 11. The Duke of Devonshire | November 11, 1916—August 11, 1921 |
| 12. The Lord Byng of Vimy | August 11, 1921-October 2, 1926 |
| 13. The Viscount Willingdon | October 2, 1926-April 4, 1931 |
| 14. The Earl of Bessborough | April 4, 1931-November 2, 1935 |
| 15. The Lord Tweedsmuir | November 2, 1935-February 11, 1940 |
| 16. The Earl of Athlone | June 21, 1940-April 12, 1946 |
| 17. The Viscount Alexander of Tunis | April 12, 1946-February 28, 1952 |
| 18. Vincent Massey | February 28, 1952-September 15, 1959 |
| 19. Georges Vanier | September 15, 1959-March 5, 1967 |
| 20. Roland Michener | April 14, 1967-January 14, 1974 |
| 21. Jules Leger | January 14, 1974-January 22, 1979 |
| 22. Edward Schreyer | January 22, 1979-May 14, 1984 |
| 23. Jeanne Sauve | May 14, 1984-January 29, 1990 |
| 24. Ray Hnatyshyn | January 29, 1990-February 8, 1995 |
| 25. Romeo LeBlanc | February 8, 1995-October 7, 1999 |
| 26. Adrienne Clarkson | October 7, 1999-September 27, 2005 |
| 27. Michaëlle Jean | September 27, 2005-October 1, 2010 |
| 28. David Johnston | October 1, 2010-present |

Billings Bridge – 1948

Compiled by Glenn Clark

Gloucester Township Council approved By-Law 28 of 1948 on July 23, 1948 to number all buildings in the Village of Billings Bridge. This provides a historic record of the buildings and residents in the village at that time.

Bank Street (East Side)*Rideau River**River Road*

- 1331 Lot 18 Junction Gore
J.L. Brule
- 1337 Lot 18 Junction Gore
Supertest Petroleum Company
- 1343 Lot 18 Junction Gore
Mrs. Ella Smirle
- 1347 Lot 2, Plan 347
Mrs. Ella Smirle
- 1349 Lot 1, Plan 347
Gloucester Township Hall

Sawmill Creek

- 1351, 1353 Lot 18 Junction Gore
Mrs. H.B. Billings

*Canadian National Railway**Sawmill Creek**Kilborn Avenue*

- 1373 Lot A, Plan 46
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation
- 1375 Lot A, Plan 46
Roman Catholic School 3, 6 and 7 S
(St. Thomas Aquinas Separate School)
- 1377 Lot B, Plan 46
Mrs. Levina Greenway
- 1381 West Part Lot C, Plan 46
John W. Robinson

Rooney's Lane

- 1383 North Part Lot D, Plan 46
Mrs. Cecilia Pelot
- 1385 South Part Lot D, Plan 46
Kenneth Blackburn
- 1387 Lot 19 Junction Gore

- Mrs. Olive Carty
- 1389 Lot 19 Junction Gore
Greenberg Estate (Apartments)
- 1391 Lot 19 Junction Gore
Greenberg Estate (Store)
- 1393 Lot 19 Junction Gore
Greenberg Estate (Office)
- 1395 Lot 19 Junction Gore
Mrs. Mary Martin
- 1397 Lot 19 Junction Gore
Economy Service Station
- 1401 Lot 19 Junction Gore
Willis Rowan
- 1405 Lot 19 Junction Gore
Harold Graham

*Canadian Pacific Railway***Bank Street – West Side***Rideau River**Bowesville Road*

- 1334 Lot 18 Junction Gore
McColl-Frontenac Oil Limited
- 1336, 1338 Lot 18 Junction Gore
Allan Pearson
- 1340 Lot 18 Junction Gore
Leonard McLeod
- 1344 Lot 18 Junction Gore
Joseph A. Frodsham
- 1346 Lot 18 Junction Gore
Orange Hall

Sawmill Creek

- 1350 Lot 18 Junction Gore
A. Robinson
- 1352 Lot 18 Junction Gore
Mrs. Annie Graburn
- 1358 Lot 19 Junction Gore
Arthur Lough
- 1360 Lot 18 and 19 Junction Gore
Mrs. G.M. Billings

*Canadian National Railway**Sawmill Creek*

- 1366 to 1376 Lot 1 to 6 Plan 46
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation (Rectory at 1372)

Creek Street

- 1378 Northeast corner Lot F, Plan 46
Eugene Lecompte
- 1382 Centre Part Lot F, Plan 46
Felix Clairmont
- 1384 Centre Part Lot F, Plan 46
A.J. & M.O. Benson
- 1388 Southeast Part Lot F, Plan 46
Mrs. Beatrice Preston
- 1390 Lot 62, Plan 46
Edward McCartin
- 1392 Lot 61, Plan 46
Owen McCartin

Bavlie Avenue

- 1394, 1396 Lot 50, 51, Plan 46
Harold Dowler
- 1404 Lot 52, Plan 46
J.A. Gagnon
- 1406 Lot 40, Plan 46
E.W. Murdock
- 1408 Northeast part Lot 39, Plan 46
Ernest Leroux
- 1410 Southeast Part Lot 38, Plan 46
Daniel Leroux

*Elm Street**Canadian Pacific Railway***Creek Street – North Side (now Ohio Street)**

- Lot 7, 11, Plan 46
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation (St.
Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church)

Creek Street – South Side*Bank Street*

- 2 Northwest Part Lot F, Plan 46
Walter McClelland
- 4 Lot 21, Plan 46

Mrs. Stella Lemoine

- 6 Lot 20, Plan 46
Mrs. Mary Ann Brule
- 8, 10, 12 Lot 19, 18, Plan 46
Elie Charlebois
- 14 Lot 17, Plan 46
J.V. Paget

*Hill Street***Bavlie Avenue – North Side (now Belanger Avenue)***Bank Street*

- 1 Lot 60, Plan 149
Owen McCartin
- 3 Lot 59, Plan 149
Edward McCartin
- 5 Lot 58, Plan 149
Emile Charron
- 7 Lot 57, Plan 149
Norman Rowan
- 9 Lot 56, Plan 149
Moise Robillard
- 11 Lot 55, Plan 149
Leo Henri
- 13 Lot 54, Plan 149
Mrs. Agnes White
- 15 Lot 53, Plan 149
J.V. Paget

*Hill Street***Bavlie Avenue – South Side***Bank Street*

- 2 East half Lot 49, Plan 149
Phil Sabourin
- 4 West half Lot 49, Plan 149
Robert Sinclair
- 6 Lot 48, Plan 149
Isabelle J. Ross

8	Lot 47, Plan 149 Leon Henri	Charles Valiquette 34 Lot 21, Plan 442
10	Lot 46, Plan 149 Edward McCartin	Mrs. Christine Pommainville
12	East half Lot 45, Plan 149 Mrs. Melvina Charlebois	<i>Hill Street</i>
14	West half Lot 45, Plan 149 Mrs. Geroge McBride	Elm Avenue – North Side (now Rockingham Avenue)
16	East half Lot 44, Plan 149 Maxime Henri	<i>Bank Street</i>
18	West half Lot 44, Plan 149 Mrs. Violetta Riddell	1 Rear of Lot 38 and 39, Plan 149 Henri Gideon
20	Lot 43, Plan 149 Mrs. Gertrude Lecuyer	3 East half Lot 37, Plan 149 Hyman Soloway
22	East half Lot 42, Plan 149 Mrs. Maria Poulin	5 West half Lot 37, Plan 149 Mrs. Rose Mulligan
24	West half Lot 42, Plan 149 Maxime Henri	7 Lot 36, Plan 149 Russell Mason
26	Lot 41, Plan 149 Cutts Estate	9 Lot 35, Plan 149 John Campbell
28	Lot 24, Plan 442 Michael Warwick	11 Lot 34, Plan 149 William McFarlane
30	Lot 23, Plan 442 Dennis Holoway	13 East part Lot 33, Plan 149 Charles Martin
32	Lot 22, Plan 442	(to be continued in next issue of <i>Historic Gloucester</i>)

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, OR IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT WITH YOUR CHEQUE. (Membership year runs from April 1 to March 31.)

Membership Form—Gloucester Historical Society/Société historique de Gloucester

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