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FARM WITH HISTORY AT CHARLESTON HAS NOW CHANGED HANDS

Had Been in Johnston Family Since the Year 1800. BOUGHT BY SOPERTON MEN Visited by the Then Governor of Upper Canada in the Year 1832.

A. W. Johnston, postmaster at Athens, has disposed of his splendid farm at Charleston lake to John Williams & Sons, of Soperton.

This is one of the finest dairy farms in the county, being well watered, having modern outbuildings and capable of carrying a large stock.

It is one of the property and on the farm, having been settled from the Crown about the year 1800 by the late Captain John Johnston, who came from Ireland at that time. He and his five sons did the pioneer work on this land and family records show that many times members of the family walked bare-footed to Brockville, twenty miles distant, to purchase supplies which could not be obtained elsewhere.

In 1832 the farm had the distinction of being visited by the then Governor of Upper Canada who, with his aide-de-camp, called at the pioneer log cabin, and not caring to dismount, partook from horse-back of such hospitality as the home offered.

Upon the death of Captain Johnston, his eldest son, the late Henry Johnston, fell heir to the property and on the event of the latter's death in 1892, A. W. Johnston became possessor of the deeds.

Mr. Johnston had no intention of ever selling the property assuming that in time it would pass to his only son, H. Hibbert Johnston, who after course, thus making the fourth generation of ownership in the same name. But, unfortunately, on the night of October 30 last, fire completely gutted the fine old stone house which had stood the battle and the breeze for nearly a century and, with the destruction of the old home, went all sentiment of keeping the property longer.

The new owners already operate a large farm at Soperton and it is their intention to heavily stock their newly-purchased farm with high grade cattle and in the early spring to erect on the old site a modern dwelling. Mr. Johnston's old friends and neighbors at Charleston Lake wish the new proprietors of the Johnston farm every success and sincerely trust they may prove themselves to be men of the community as Mr. Johnston was.

SOPERTON

Soperton, Feb. 26.—Mrs. William Thomas is spending some time with her sister in Montreal.

Mrs. J. Hannah, of Delta, is visiting her niece, Mrs. C. M. Singleton. W. Best is moving to J. Huffman's farm at Daytown.

Mrs. T. J. Frye is receiving treatment at the Brockville General Hospital. G. Jones is ill and under the care of Dr. Kelly.

Soperton Junior hockey team played a friendly game with Delta Juniors on Saturday. Delta won by two goals.

LILLE'S

Lillie's, Feb. 21.—A number from here attended the library concert at Lyn on Tuesday night.

Mrs. M. Edley, of Lyn, has returned home after having spent week's the guest of Mrs. John Carson.

Ernest Darling and family are moving to their new home at Sherwood Springs.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Jane Davis at Ballycane on Sunday last.

Harry Earl, of Caintown, is spending a few days with his uncle, Robert Percival.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Darling, Brockville, spent Saturday at Mr. and Mrs. Wells Darling's.

Mrs. T. Dickson, of Caintown, has returned home after having spent a few days as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Sanford Darling.

To Parents

OPEN a Savings Account in this Bank for each child the year it is born. Make small deposits regularly, and when college days come, the requisite funds are ready, and the education will not be a drain on the family purse.

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

TOTAL ASSETS OVER EIGHTY THREE-MILLIONS

Athens Branch

W. A. Johnson, Manager

FARMER AT OUTLET LOSES FINGER IN SAWING OPERATION

Frank O'Grady, Jr., is Victim of Accident.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT Number of Ministers Take Part in Baptist Conference at Delta.

Lansdowne, Feb. 21.—Frank O'Grady, Jr., of the Outlet, met with a painful accident on Thursday while sawing wood at Nelson Fodey's. He got one of his fingers so badly crushed it had to be amputated.

Members of the degree team of Maple Leaf Lodge, Degree of Rebekah, Brockville, came here on Friday evening to take part in the ceremony of instituting a new lodge of the order. The Ivy Lea hockey team went to school team of Alexandria Bay, N.Y. The score was 2 to 0 in favor of Ivy Lea.

James Sullivan, who has been visiting his sons and daughters in Michigan for the past seven months, returned home on Saturday.

Thomas McMunn returned from Tweed on Saturday.

Mrs. Hagerman and Mrs. A. Bradley, will give a tea on Saturday from 3 to 5 under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., at the home of Mrs. Hagerman.

E. E. Johnston attended a hardware convention in Toronto last week.

The domestic science class, which was under the supervision of Miss Carrie Martin, Kitchener road, Preston, commenced on February 6 with a class of about 25, ended on Friday, the 17th inst.

DELTA

Delta, Feb. 20.—On Wednesday evening last a meeting was held in the town hall in the interests of the continuation school. Owing to the severe weather, very few were present.

On Friday evening a drama entitled "Tony, the Convict," was presented in the town hall in the interests of the public library. The hall was well filled and much credit is due the artists in the way they acted their parts. Grey's Novelty orchestra furnished excellent music.

The hockey match between Delta and Athens took place here on Saturday, the result being 1-0 in favor of Athens.

Miss Loreen Phelps, Ottawa Normal school, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. O. Coleman returned home on Monday evening from a Brockville hospital, where she had been a patient for the past five weeks.

A conference is being held in the Baptist church on Monday and Tuesday. Several visiting ministers are present.

SHELDON'S CORNERS

Sheldon's Corners, Feb. 20.—A number from here attended the hockey match between Delta and Athens at Delta on Saturday.

Mrs. J. Moore, Elmdale, spent a few days here recently with her father, George Cowles, who is ill.

Mrs. A. M. Whitmore was called on Monday to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Morris, Wight's Corners, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Benney spent Sunday near Delta.

The many friends of Warren Henderson, Elmdale, who has been so seriously ill, will be pleased to hear he is recovering slowly.

Mrs. Fred Hollingsworth spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Wilson, Athens.

Winston Hamblin is ill with a gripe, also Mrs. Darling.

FRANKVILLE LOSES ANOTHER OLD-TIMER IN CHRIS. RICHARDS

Passes Away in Toronto at the Age of Eighty-Two.

MANY ARE STILL ILL School at Lillie's Was Closed Owing to Condition of the Roads.

Frankville, Feb. 22.—Word was received here conveying the sad intelligence that Christopher Richards had passed away. Deceased visited relatives here last summer and on his return to Toronto, where he resided with his daughter, his health gradually failed and on Wednesday he died. His wife, who was Miss Addie McCrea, daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. McCrea, predeceased him two years ago. He was 82 years of age and he lived in this vicinity for many years, having many friends. The funeral will be held here on Saturday at the Methodist church, with interment at the Lehigh cemetery. He was for several terms reeve of the township of Wolford.

Another old resident who passed away this week was Mrs. C. F. Cross, whose husband passed away some years ago. She was a sister of L. L. and W. D. Livingston. The funeral was held at Smith's Falls to-day.

Local doctors continue very busy, there being a great many ill. Among those confined to their homes are J. I. Smith, George Hill, W. D. Livinstone and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Levertre and many others.

Miss Ann Simpson left for Pittsburg, Pa., last week where she will visit relatives for some time.

Mrs. Ellen Gallagher, who has been receiving treatment in the Brockville General hospital for some time, returned to her home here on Tuesday.

Parker Richards has his mill all ready and is prepared to do custom sawing, grinding, etc.

Aunt Margaret Soper remains very poorly and small hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Hillyard Leacock, who has been a great sufferer from rheumatism and neuralgia for some time, is not much better.

Manford Montgomery is very ill of pneumonia at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Montgomery.

HARD ISLAND.

Hard Island, Feb. 21.—Miss Bertha Besley, Ottawa, is visiting at Herbert Stephenson's.

Robert Livingstone, who has been seriously ill, is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howe visited at Levi Munroe's, Addison, one day this week.

Miss Violet Robeson, teacher at Lyn, is confined to her home here with a gripe.

Herbert Stephenson, who has been taking treatment at the General hospital, returned home to-day.

Miss Irene Greenham, of Addison, is visiting at Wesley Henderson's.

Mrs. Burton Livingstone is quite ill with a gripe.

Mrs. Wesley Henderson visited in Brockville one day this week.

RIVERDALE

Riverdale, Feb. 20.—Miss B. Haggerty, who has been visiting her brother, Albert Haggerty, for a couple of weeks, returned to Toronto last week.

Mrs. Edgar Simpson and Miss Gladys Johnson, Toronto, and Mrs. D. Bovard, South Augusta, were recent guests in Riverdale.

The snow plough has been working and improving the highway to some extent.

Mr. Craig, Ottawa, called on friends here on Thursday.

All are pleased to know that the family of T. Stratton, who have been ill, are improving.

Relatives and friends from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Harry Caldwell at South Augusta on Saturday afternoon.

J. W. Curle has just erected a very high flagpole at his summer home here.

Miss S. Marshall is a guest of her niece and brother-in-law, Miss Nellie and Harry Caldwell, South Augusta, being called there on the death of her sister, Mrs. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knill were in South Augusta on Friday.

MARRIED MEN OF DELTA WON FROM THE SINGLE MEN

Redoubtable Guy Curtis Was Referee for Contest.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT Delta Juniors Defeated Soperton Juniors at Hockey by Score of 2-0.

Delta, Feb. 26.—A hockey match took place here on Tuesday afternoon between the married and single men, the score being 5-1 in favor of the married men. The teams were as follows:

Married men—Goal, Alkins; defence, Snider, Gilbert; centre, Dougal; wings, Hanna, Stevens; substitute, C. Morris. Single men—Goal, E. Gardiner; defence, Wright, Sawyer; centre, J. Greenham; wings, Singleton, H. Morris; substitute, Case. Referee—Guy Curtis. Timer—J. Wright.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Morris on Wednesday evening.

Lenten service was conducted in the Anglican church on Thursday evening. After the service the W.A. held a meeting.

The Junior Auxiliary of St. Paul's church met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Brick on Saturday with an attendance of 15.

Soperton Junior hockey team played a game with Delta on Delta rink on Saturday afternoon, the score being 2-0 in favor of Delta. There was great amusement and excitement over the game.

Miss Zella Beadle and Mrs. J. Halladay visited Mrs. Halladay's father, M. Witse, Lyndhurst, on Saturday.

Mrs. Marguerite Morris has been confined to her home for the past week with an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. W. Payne and baby, Murray, are visiting her parents, Rev. J. Holt and Mrs. Murray.

Leonard Morris, Elgin, spent the week-end at his home here. Mrs. Soper is ill at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. W. W. Phelps.

ELGIN

Elgin, Feb. 20.—The Grim Reaper again visited this locality in the early hours of Sunday morning and claimed Mrs. John Dancy. Deceased had been in failing health for the past few years but was still able to be around most of the time. Some five weeks ago she contracted a cold which gradually weakened her condition beyond human endurance. She was about 63 years of age.

Mrs. Dancy was a person endowed with true Christian spirit and bore her sufferings with submission and fortitude. Being of a peaceful, unobtrusive disposition, she won many friends, all of whom will hear with deep regret of her passing. Before marriage she was Miss Estarpy Coon, and she had always resided in and around Elgin. In religion she was a Methodist and took an interest in all church work. The funeral service was conducted at the house on Tuesday by Rev. J. Holt Murray, of Delta, as the local pastor, Rev. W. T. Keough, is indisposed with illness. Besides her aged husband she left to mourn one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Hagerman, Peterboro, and one son, Joseph, on the homestead. The remains were placed in the Union vault to await interment in the spring.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the W.M.S. held its monthly meeting on Thursday last instead of the previous day. The gentlemen were invited for tea, which was served in the school hall. The programme was put on by the gentlemen, including quartettes, impromptu speeches, etc., and a very interesting address by John Pinkerton, telling of his trip to South Africa, the manners and customs of the inhabitants and many other features of importance. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker of the evening, after which the happy gathering was brought to a close.

Miss Annie Halliday was able last week to return home from the Brockville General hospital, where she had been a patient for several weeks.

Mrs. William Gilbert and Master Roland have returned to their home in Victoria, also Mrs. J. Bath to her home in Montreal, and Miss Jennie Kirst to her position in Hamilton, all having spent some time here during the closing for and demise of their mother, Mrs. M. Kirst.

Lorne Morris is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mrs. William L. Kelly is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. R. Hanna, at Belleville.

Rev. W. T. Keough is quite ill with influenza. G. F. Warren very ably took his place on Sunday last.

Mr. Tooke is the guest of Mrs. R. Powell.

A great many from this locality went to Delta on Friday evening last to attend the play, which they all considered very worthy of note.

BAPTIST CHURCH AT PHILIPPSVILLE HAS 122ND ANNIVERSARY

Special Services Conducted by Rev. H. H. Bryant.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT Dwelling at Elgin Has Narrow Escape From Destruction by Fire.

Phillipsville, Feb. 27.—The 122nd anniversary of the founding of the Baptist church here was commemorated on Sunday by special services morning and evening. Rev. H. H. Bryant, of Smith's Falls, preached two stirring and impressive sermons. On Monday evening a bountiful supper was served, and a fine program of speeches and music was enjoyed by a good audience.

Mrs. William Baker, Master Hiel Baker and Miss Winnifred Halladay are here from Roseville spending a few days at the home of J. W. Halladay.

Mrs. Stephen Carty has returned from visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Miss Ripley, at Newboro.

Mrs. Anna Jones, of Watertown, N. Y., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Olive Putnam.

Mrs. J. V. Phillips and Mrs. Thomas Webster are confined to the house through illness.

Robert Taylor, of Chantry, has purchased from Thomas Webster his stock of merchandise, and will carry on business here.

Michael Myers has opened a meat market.

Harvey Davison, Brockville, visited his mother, Mrs. Julia Davison, over the week-end.

Miss Ella Dwyre, of the Ottawa Normal school, spent a few days at her home here, recuperating from an attack of influenza.

The Women's Institute held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Owing to many cases of illness the attendance was not as large as usual, but those privileged to be present enjoyed very much the report presented by Miss McGuigan, district president, from the Ottawa convention. Mrs. C. J. Myers also contributed a splendid paper dealing with home training. Piano selections by Mrs. Z. T. Gile and Miss Mildred Gile were received with pleasure.

Service at the Methodist church was withdrawn on Sunday last. The Sunday previous George F. Warren, Elgin, occupied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. T. Keough, who was ill.

A very pleasant gathering was held on Wednesday night of this week when the Young People's League celebrated St. Valentine's Day in a social gathering which had been postponed for a week because of stormy weather. A goodly number were present, enjoying a varied programme of games and contests in keeping with the date. The members made this the occasion of recognizing one of their number in the person of Miss Georgia Acheson, who will leave soon to enter the General Hospital in Kingston for training as a nurse. Miss Acheson, who will be missed by her comrades and friends in the community, was presented with a Bible and hymn book, accompanied by an address testifying to the esteem in which she was held and assuring her of the loyal interest that would follow her in her new field of work. Refreshments were served, which brought to a close an evening of pleasure.

MALLORYTOWN

Mallorytown, Feb. 26.—Dr. Anna Ross, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and Miss Ethel Chapman, of Toronto, who were here last week addressing classes in domestic science in the Methodist church, were the guests of Mrs. W. I. Mallory.

William Mercer has gone to Hammond, N.Y., to visit his aunt for a few days.

Wesley Hodre is moving his family from Escott to Mallorytown.

Colin I. Phillips is moving from Escott to Mallorytown.

William Lee is moving from Leck's to Mallorytown.

William Burnham is doing business with his saw.

Christopher Scott is Caintown to the farm from Arthur Kelly.

Thomas Shearer Grenadier Island Mrs. R. W. T.

CANCEL SERVICES THROUGH ILLNESS OF THE MINISTER

St. Peter's, North Augusta, Was Closed on Sunday.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT Movements to Mallorytown From Surrounding Country Are Reported.

North Augusta, Feb. 27.—There were no services in St. Peter's church on Sunday owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hurford, who was laid up with influenza. The latest report is that Mr. Hurford is able to be up.

Mansell Wilkins, who is suffering from a fractured limb, is now confined to his room with the influenza but, we are glad to say, is on the mend.

Miss Monica Kerwin is relieving in the "Central" owing to the illness of the operator, Miss Hilda Hough.

The mill is now running by steam power owing to the low conditions of the water. Grinding is being done every other day.

Col. T. H. Elliott, of Sault Ste. Marie, spent a few days this week with his sister, Mrs. G. W. Chapman.

The Standard Church Movement will hold a two days' convention in the Masonic temple on Saturday and Sunday next. The morning service will commence at 10:30, afternoon at two and the evening at 7:30. Some prominent speakers will be in attendance and a large turnout of the members is expected.

Several ladies will hold a progressive euchre and dance in the Masonic temple Monday evening next.

The Misses Munroe are visiting in Montreal.

The young people were delighted with the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company which visited here last week.

T. W. Ralph has been confined to the house for a few days from the effects of a fall.

James Burke is improving in health, though he has not been able to be out yet.

Many cisterns are becoming dry and a thaw would be welcomed.

The Ladies' Institute is presenting a play, interspersed with songs and music, on Thursday night, March 1, in the Masonic hall.

Mrs. (Rev.) George Fairbairn returned home on Saturday from Frankville where she visited friends.

B. L. Bissell is still confined to his room. His condition remains the same. Seven bodies are in the vault here. The Misses Mellefont had a visit from their brother, "Gus," who is here from Alberta. He has been in the west for 17 years and, not having health there, expects to remain east. He is accompanied by his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haley are both in poor health.

Miss Edwards, of Brockville, is visiting Mrs. Fred Colborne.

MAYNARD

Maynard, Feb. 26.—Mr. Lissert is spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovrin were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Percy Fretwell, over the week-end.

The auction sale of Eddie Young was well attended on the 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Young and family intend moving to Toronto shortly.

The W.I. meeting for February has been cancelled owing to so much illness.

George Perrin, of Domville, rented John Fell's farm on 7 Street.

Rev. Thomas Scott and Geo. ton, of Prescott, were called by H. Robinson's on the 23rd. Joseph Woodward had a tune to cut his knee. Mrs. A. E. Carse W.M.S. on the 21st. The rural school is open to Prescott. Jack Miner thoroughly.

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children were tak- ul sleep leads to hear on the 20th. They enjoy the lecture.

CROSBY

Crosby, Feb. 23.—A few of the men here attended the sale on the north shore.

Mrs. Spaidal and daughter are visiting relatives at Lyn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cooper and baby, Ewart, spent the week-end at William Cooper's, Lansdowne.

A number from here attended play, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at N. boro, Wednesday evening.

Robert Whalen has resumed position on the C.N.R. section having been ill for the past weeks.

Mrs. Heffernan and baby are v-

is moving from the former's parents at Toledo to Mallorytown.

Mrs. Brown and Miss Car-

mant is still very ill. Namee are both ill at present