



WATT CENTURY FARM HOUSE  
MUSEUM

# Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

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## “ YESTERYEARS “

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Our meetings will be moving back to Fell Homes Activity room for the winter months on the fourth Monday of each month and we will be most happy to see members, friends and potential new members interested in our heritage. If you have any questions regarding our Society or its operation, to donate items of historical interest to our museum please contact any of the executive listed on the back page and we will be pleased to assist you

### THE YEAR 2015

This year has been a great year of progress in spite of a few problems with communication, but they were all ironed out in the end. Our Open House for our new museum was well attended by area councils and citizens who were quite surprised at how well things turned out. It was a year of increased membership and we would like to continue this in the future.

Northland Power agreed with what we have done with the farm house and were quite happy with our accomplishments to date.

Heritage day 2015 was also a great success , with a great turnout of local citizens and dignitaries. A fun day for children and adults alike, with horse drawn wagon rides and miniature horses, fire dept displays ,popcorn and children's games. The Watt family kindly allowed us to use their farm fields for car parking and for the horse drawn wagon rides which was much appreciated.

Many thank's to our member Diane Brandt who has our new office up and running and looking more professional . Soon we will be able to find things a lot quicker when we get enquiries from visitors who may be engaged in genealogy or just information about our area.

The Burk's Falls and District Historical Society  
is looking for

### **ARTISANS**

to participate in an

## **ARTISAN CRAFT SALE**

to be held on

**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at the Watt Century Farm House

827 Chetwynd Road

Burk's Falls

If you would like to participate  
please email

[bfhistory@outlook.com](mailto:bfhistory@outlook.com)

by Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Space is Limited

One of the early hotels of Burk's Falls was the Day's Hotel which was located on Station Street near the Station. The old foundation was north of Station Street just east of the bridge across the Magnetawan River. The picture shown here was taken in approximately 1910 and the hotel is reported to have been built in the late 1880's or early 1890's and burned to the ground during the winter of either 1915 or 1916. The hotel was built by Dan Day and later taken over by his son, Arthur, before being sold to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lentz of Eganville who were the owners when the building burned.

Of local interest, the only person whom we have been able to identify in the picture is the gentleman standing on the right wearing an apron and who is Robert Raaflaub, father of Stan, Gordon and Arthur Raaflaub of Magnetawan. Mr. Raaflaub worked at Day's Hotel after he sold his own Hotel located in Sprucedale. Robert Raaflaub was one of the early settlers of the area, building a hotel in Sprucedale which also burned and he rebuilt it before getting out of the business. When the railroad came through in 1885-86, the Day's Hotel played a prominent role in the early settling of the community.



**BANQUET.**

— GIVEN BY THE —

**YOUNG MEN**

— OF —

**BURKS FALLS**

IN HONOR OF MR. ALEX LOWRY, AT THE DAY HOUSE ON FRIDAY, JAN. 25, 1909, AT 10 O'CLOCK P. M.

**MENU**

**MEATS**  
Hot Roast Turkey with Apple Sauce  
Roast Turkey with Cranberries  
Roast Beef - Baked Potatoes  
Cold Baked Ham

**VEGETABLES**  
Baked Potatoes - Parsnips, Carrots  
Peas

**SALADS**  
Cabbage Salad - Potato Salad - Beet Salad

**RELISHES**  
Mushroom Omelet - Tomato Omelet  
V. cretcher sauce - Pickles - Olives

**DESSERT**  
Apple Pie - Lemon Pie - Hot Cakes  
Chocolate Cake - Fruit Cake  
Cocoa Nut Cake

**CHEESE**  
Swiss - Cheese

**FRUITS**  
Apples - Oranges - Raisins  
Lemon - Peaches - Mixed  
Black Tea - Milk Tea - Coffee

**TOAST LIST**

Our King and Country

Our Honored Guest

Solo

Mercantile Interests

Banking Interests

Municipal Interests

Solo

The professions

The Press

Solo

The Ladies

Host and Hostess

God Save The King



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## **NEW ACQUISITIONS**

We have had donated to our museum, 3 historical dinner size plates, remembering Burk's Falls Presbyterian church, Canada's history and Burk's Falls 1975 Anniversary . Thank you to Vi Thomas for this donation.

We also received two books of remembrance from the Burk's Falls Legion branch 405 . These books contain pictures and history's of servicemen who were killed in W.W.1 and W.W.2, plus serving members and survivors. Thank you to our local Legion for these books.

## **FALL FAIR**

Our dedicated members set up a table display at the Burk's Falls Fall fair and we had much interest from the visitors. We sold a few book's and calendars , but did not receive any new members which we really need.

## **MEMBERS**

If you have an e mail address, please give it to our secretary as this is the best way of contacting you and sending out notices, agenda's and minutes and don't forget to get active in our society, we need you!

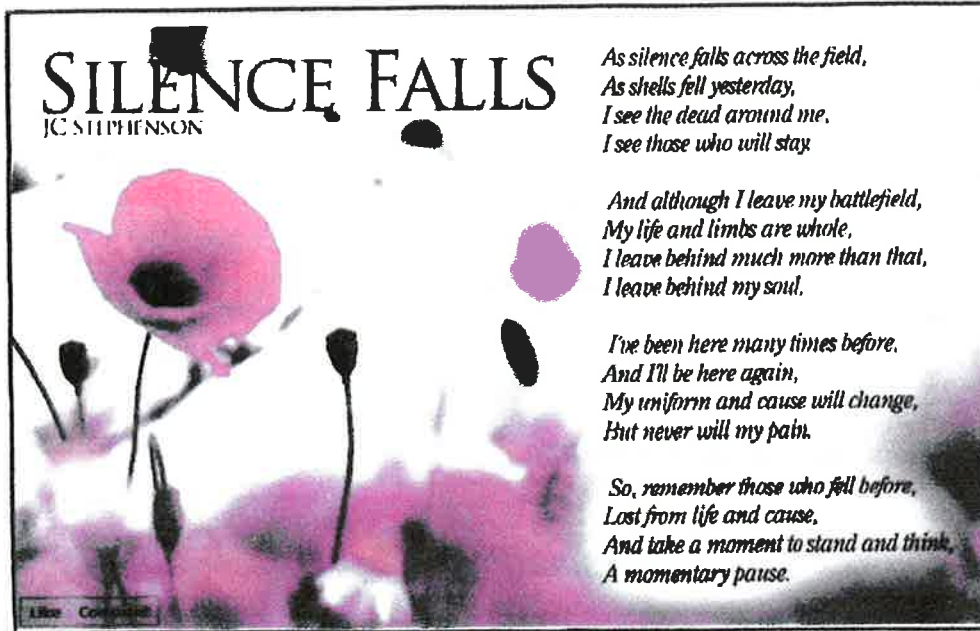
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## **NEWSLETTER**

Please be advised that this will be my last newsletter. It has been a pleasure serving you and a labour of love but the time has come to pass on the job to some one younger. I will of course continue as a member of our great Society and I than you all for your help in producing the Newsletter.

Lawrence ( Lorne ) Main

REMEMBRANCE DAY NOV 11<sup>TH</sup> 2015



AREA SERVICEMEN WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE  
SACRIFICE

**W.W. 1**

Sgt. Arthur Alexander  
L/C Albert Alexander  
Pvt. Thomas Bridgewater  
Cpl. E. Stuart Bradley  
Sig. John K. Chalmers  
Pvt. Claude C. Duke  
Lt. J. Howard Fawcett  
Pvt.. Kenneth Ford  
Pvt. Leonard Ford  
Sgt. Leonard Parkhurst  
Pvt. Douglas Wiseman  
Pvt. John A. Young  
Sap. Wilmot York

**W.W. 11**

Pvt. Leslie Blackmore  
Pvt. Harvey John Bell  
Pvt. Melvin Budreau  
F/Sgt. Daniel Crossthaite  
Pvt. Leslie Ford  
F/O. Reginald Gibbs  
Sgt. Clive Gerow  
Gun. Alvin Harkness  
Pvt. Stanly Moore  
Capt. Wallace Millar  
Pvt. Theodore O'Connor  
Pvt. Cameron Smith  
Pvt. Carl Smith  
Pvt. Douglas Sharpe



**BURK'S FALLS & DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*The Burk's Falls And District Historical Society was formed in 1994, to offer a focus for the study of all family histories and in particular the history of the early settlers and families of The Townships of Ryerson, Armour and the Village Of Burk's Falls. We meet the fourth Monday of each month at the Fell Homes Activity Room at 7.00 P.M. New members and guests are always welcome.*

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**M** \_\_\_\_\_ **MEMBERSHIP #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**GIVEN NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **SURNAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPOUSES NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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**B.F.A.D.H.S. EXECUTIVE 2015**

*Pres - --- Linda Maurer  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-- Betty Caldwell  
Secretary-  
Treasurer - Rakel Gray*

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