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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We meet on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat, Anishinabewaki and acknowledge with thanks their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

Railway plow. Photo courtesy of Larry Lamb collection.





On November 14th, 2022, the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society gathered at the Millbrook Cathedral, made possible with the generous support of Susan Fischer Avni and her family. Thank you to everyone who joined us, it was a very special evening and we were thrilled to re-connect with so many of our supporters, neighbours, and friends, and meet so many new ones.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RECAP

It was a cold, clear night on November 14th, 2022, but it was lovely and warm in the beautiful Millbrook Cathedral Lounge. Many thanks to the volunteers who brought treats and light refreshments for all to enjoy. Celia Hunter, President of the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society welcomed everyone and presented an update and her president's report. Celia highlighted some of the exciting speakers that are lined up for 2023 (Robert Winslow and D'Arcy Jenish, to name two), discussed the return of Blocks and Blooms, and some of the successful events that had brought the Township together in previous years. A new Board was elected (please see page 8 for short bios of the new Board) and Kim McLeod provided a brief overview of the finances and budget. We were filled with gratitude and joy that so many people took time to participate. We look forward to providing more programming and information after the new Board convenes.



CAN YOU NAME THE OBJECT?

Peter Ramsay, Past President, current Board member, and long-time supporter of the Historical Society, has been delighting folks with his displays at the Millbrook Branch of the Cavan Monaghan Library. He was kind enough to bring some antique curiosities with him to our Annual General Meeting. Can you guess each item? ([Answer key on page 6.](#))



MEET THE 2022/2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society is pleased to announce that a new Board of Directors was elected at the Annual General Meeting. Thank you to the past members of the Board for their service. We hope you will continue to volunteer with us.



Celia Hunter, *President*

Celia has been a Millbrook area resident since 1981; credit goes to a mother who dragged her as a child into tiny Norman churches in Britain and lofty cathedrals

in France to foster in her an appreciation for history and architecture. After growing up in cities, Celia found her true home here in Cavan Monaghan where every person can make a difference. From time to time she has served as local newspaper writer and editor, municipal recreation co-ordinator, and church secretary. Reading and a little writing are Celia's passions along with long walks on our amazing local trails. Celia has been the Historical Society president since 2011.

Kim McLeod, *Treasurer*

Kim has been a resident of Cavan Monaghan Township for 26 years, but roots go back to Thomas Kells, one of the township's early settlers, who purchased land on King Street in 1827. Thomas Kells proposed the village be named Millbrook at a meeting held in 1833. Kim's interests lie in collecting and preserving records that document the history of the area, and in providing support to other genealogists who come looking for their roots in this area.

Jeanette Allenbick, *Director*

With a mother (Newfoundlander) and a father (in the Canadian Navy) and many talks around the kitchen table about "history", it's no wonder Jeanette (Dawson) Allenbick has come to love

anything to do with history. Hubby (Phil) and Jeanette moved to Millbrook in 2001 and they love living here. Jeanette is very happy to get involved with the MCHS once again.

Liz Avery, *Director*

Liz moved to Millbrook from Mississauga, with her late husband Hal, in 2005. She has worked as a teacher, stitchery artist, movie set designer (Chicago and Billy Madison, to name just two) and film studio caterer. She shares her energy and creativity as part of Millbrook's Decorating Committee, responsible for the seasonal streetscape enhancements, and looks after a glorious garden. Her kitchen table is a regular gathering place for friends to share laughter, stories and her passion for creative, very imaginative, stitchery projects.

Alex Bushell, *Director*

Born and raised in Cavan township, Alex has a strong passion for local history and the stories told by the people who lived it. While documenting the past is very important, Alex focuses on finding ways that our local history can be recorded but also shared as a part of a community experience.

John Collver, *Director*

Through his many years working for cities, municipalities, the private sector and his own business as a landscape architect, John brings a wealth of experience and a love of local history, preservation planning, heritage architecture and gardens.

Rachel Finnie, Director

Rachel can often be found on the beautiful Millbrook Valley Trails or in the Cavan Monaghan Library with her family. She has a background in publishing, marketing, and communications and a degree in history from Trent University. She has a particular interest in Canadian social history during the Victorian era and vintage recipes, kitchen-wares, and cookbooks. Rachel has lived in Millbrook since 2019.



Lance Nachoff, Director

Lance and his wife Bernadette moved to Millbrook in 2010 to escape the hustle and bustle of the big city. After 10 years in

a 150-year-old classic Millbrook century home on Charles Street, they moved to their forever home on Deyell Line. Wanting to bring something special to the community Bernadette and Lance opened the Millbrook Mercantile. Lance has a passion for architecture, nature, and animals, and has found all of that in the idyllic village of Millbrook. He now serves as Councillor for Ward 3 in Cavan Monaghan Township.

Peter Ramsay, Director

Peter has lived in Millbrook since 2001. He is a past president of the Historical Society, editor of the award-winning book *Significant Architecture of Millbrook*, and has served on the municipal Heritage Committee. Peter is fascinated by how things are well made; the melding of hands and head to design and make things work. He also creates stained glass windows and other pieces and maintains a magnificent garden.

ANSWER KEY

CAN YOU NAME THE OBJECT?



A Miller Regalite Carbide Bicycle Lamp. The Miller company was established in 1869 and was based in Birmingham, England. It was in business until 1994. Miller was a leader in all kinds of safety lamps, from bicycles (as below) to lighthouses.



B Kodak folding camera with a black leather case complete with carrying handles, circa 1930. Kodak had a slogan: "use Kodak film: it gets the picture." Bought at auction.



C Candle lantern, circa 1830. Enclosed to prevent a burning candle or wick being extinguished by wind, rain or other causes. From Adam Scott's home.



D Piano lanterns, circa 1926. From the home of Jan Rowland, Cedar Valley Road.



In the 1890's John Pitt ran a taxi service delivering luggage between the Millbrook Junction station (where the Medical Centre now stands) and the hotels in downtown Millbrook. The water tank in the background was used to fill the steam engine boilers. Photo courtesy of Larry Lamb collection.



There were six passenger trains a day passing through Millbrook Junction bound for Port Hope, Lindsay, or Peterborough. Photo courtesy of Larry Lamb collection.

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MILLBROOK, ONT., THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1922

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Mary Thurman in "The Sin of Marsha Queen" 6 Reels, also **BIG COMEDY.** **SERIAL.**

Tuxis Boys Hold a Big Minstrel Show.
The Tuxis Boys' of Bailieboro put on a most successful and entertaining Minstrel show in the school hall last Friday evening.
Mr. S R Nichols, Mentor, managed the concert, and he and his boys are to be congratulated on the quality of their program and their success in putting it on.
Rev. R. M. Patterson assisted the boys as interlocutor and Mrs. S R Nichols was the efficient accompanist.

Special Xmas. Service of Song

The Choir of the Millbrook Methodist Church is preparing Special Music for its service next Sunday, Dec. 24. The selections will include the Choir number "Beyond the Starry Sky," by H. Wilson.
Statistic - "Christmas Stars"
Anthem - "Let us go unto Bethlehem"
Anthem - "The Heaven's Reply" - S. Lorenz
Come, and join us in this Christmas Festival.
Offering in aid of "The Sick Children's Hospital" and other charitable Institutions.

Young Students Give Program

South Park School, Victoria, B. C.
The Young Beavers, a Junior branch of the Red Cross Society gave a benefit concert in the auditorium of the above school recently. 500 parents and others were present to see the various entertaining numbers. Among those taking part were Jean and Virginia Leach, children of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leach formerly of Millbrook, and grandchildren of Mrs. Wm. O'Brian, Sr., town.

The Millbrook G. W. V. A. will hold a dance at the Armouries on Friday, Dec. 26, commencing at 8. Music will be supplied by the four piece Orchestra.
The Marsh Trinity Church is having a Xmas Entertainment in the S. S. Hall, Friday, Dec. 22. A good programme of songs and recs. Merry Xmas to all.
BORN - At Dr. Turner's Hospital, Millbrook, on Friday, Dec. 15, Mrs. A. J. Richard, Richard Wood, a son, Melville William Arthur.
BORN - In Dr. Turner's Hospital, Millbrook, on Friday, Dec. 22, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dossie, a daughter.

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BIG DRAMA.
Keep in mind the Annual New Year's Entertainment of the Millbrook Methodist Sunday School on Jan. 1st and 2nd 1923, in the Town Hall. An interesting PLAY, entitled "Fondle Farm at Cradbury Cottage" will be put on by THE DRAMATIC CLUB.
The Characters are:
Tom Dexter - Mr. Frank Aloor
Sissy Everett - Mr. Arnold Repor
Den Lathas - Mr. W. G. Hetherington
Andrew Dexter - Mr. C. C. Gerardi
Frankish Hopkins - Mr. G. W. Sayles
Nathan Speck - Mr. P. Stinson
Charlotte Banister - Miss F. Stinson
Antonia Banister - Miss P. Burnham
Amelia Dexter - Mrs. G. W. Sayles
Mrs. Muslin - Miss A. Hampton
Bella Ann - Miss A. Stewart
Vivienne - Miss P. Richards

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Safety Razors:
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JUST AS GOOD

I wished to buy Bill Shakespeare's plays, and to the book bazaar I fared; I'd heard some people highly praise the stuff this Shakespeare had prepared. Now authors, every day or two, spring up, in these exciting times, and it is all that I can do to keep up with their prose and rhymes. I strive so hard to keep in touch with all that's good and up-to-date, and oft I've got in dutch, when it is time to pay the freight. I asked for Shakespeare's latest book, and said the clerk, who by me stood, "We're all sold out today, gadzook, but here is something just as good." "Perhaps," I said, "the books you show make Shakespeare's classics with envy burn, but from your tin-horn store I go, and never more shall I return. For long and weary years I've stood the gaff of salesman who assert that they have something just as good when I would buy a hat or shirt. I ask for pills of cottonwood, I ask for sparkplugs for my lyre, and they have something just as good, but not the things that I desire. So I have framed a solemn vow to boycott merchants of that kind; then, with my wrath upon my brow, I left the book bazaar behind."

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UPCOMING MCHS EVENTS

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	DATE
Special guest Robert Winslow presented by the Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society	TBD	Feb 2023 - TBD
Special guest D'Arcy Jenish presented by the the Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society	TBD	Apr 2023 - TBD
Trivia Night with the Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society	TBD	2023 - TBD

Do you have an idea for an event hosted in partnership with the MCHS? Do you have a venue you'd like to offer for one of these events? Please email: millbrookcavanhs@gmail.com

DEAR MCHS...

During the pandemic one of my projects was to research and write the story of my great, great grandfather, Oliver Williamson. Oliver was the 7th son of a 7th son and born with his caul or amniotic sack intact. Both, according to Irish folklore, gave him special powers. I turned to the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society to help me with research.

Kim McLeod was particularly helpful. About the same time Hugh Williamson from Ottawa was making similar inquiries. Kim connected us. Hugh and I were unknown to each other, Hugh being descended from the fourth child of Oliver and Martha Elliott and I from the 8th child. A few months later Hugh and his wife made a trip to Cavan where I toured them around places connected to the family.

We concluded our time together with a visit to the society's archives for a chat with Kim. I am grateful that the Society was able to bring two cousins together. —**From Bruce Williamson**

Below: Bruce Williamson (right) and his cousin Hugh Williamson (left). Photo courtesy of Bruce Williamson.

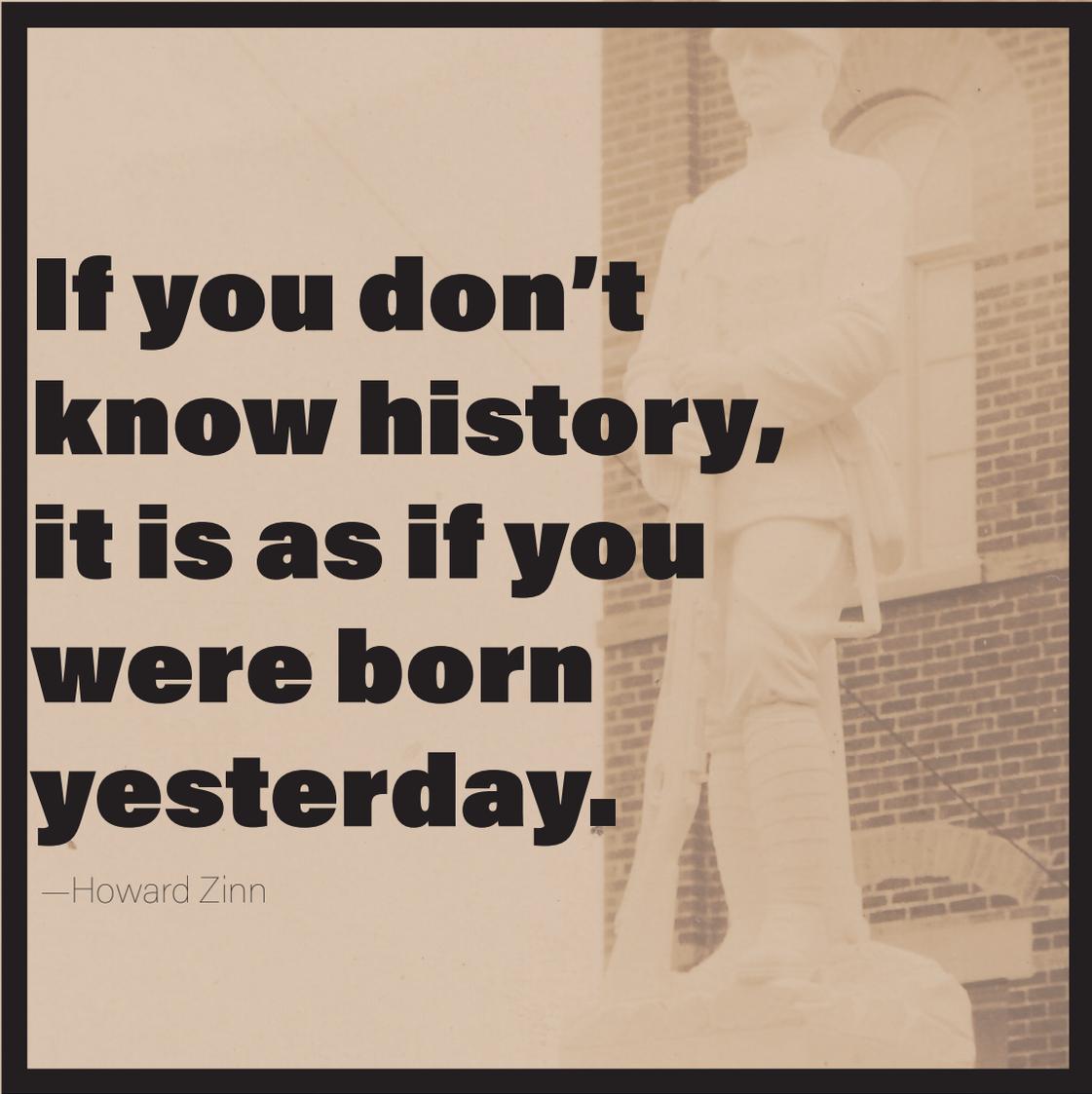


WE REMEMBER: BRUCE LEPPER

Our much-loved and respected former Board member and Heritage Committee liaison, Bruce Lepper, died recently and we are the poorer for this. He was a wonderful, warm, highly intelligent, and gently humorous man. Bruce was a talented artist who used a variety of mediums to capture his subjects. He had a background as a graphic designer and had focused on painting, and in the late 80s he began carving wildfowl. In 2010, he was awarded the John Scheeler Memorial Award, Best in World, in Ocean City, Maryland—the Olympics for wildfowl wood carving. He was incredibly accomplished, winning other championships and awards for his creations. He leaves us not just with his beautiful artwork, but also with his legacy of engagement and commitment to our community. He will be missed by all who knew him.



Bruce (left) with the delighted winner of his Carolina Wren, Jeanne Shields, at the Historical Society's 'Step Right Up!' fundraiser in 2014. Photo courtesy of Celia Hunter.



**If you don't
know history,
it is as if you
were born
yesterday.**

—Howard Zinn

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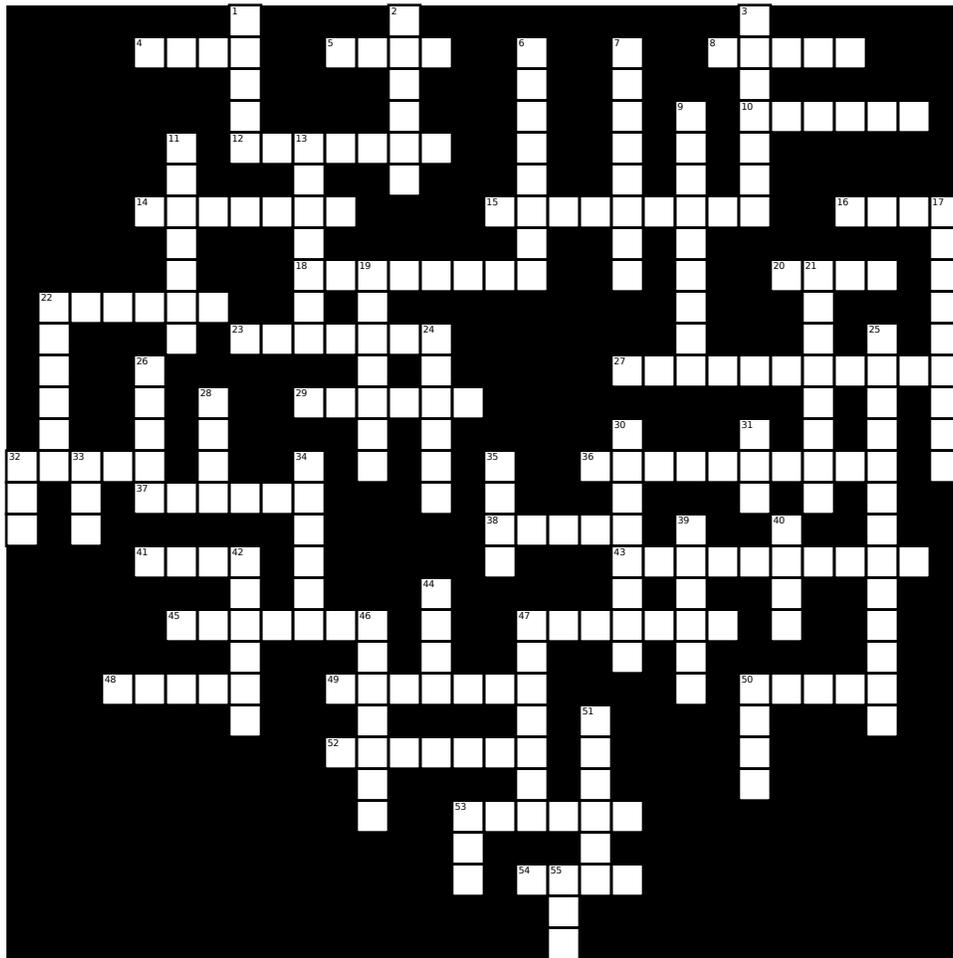
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MCHS Crossword Puzzle - November 2022

Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society



Across

- 4 First name in blues
- 5 Give off, as light
- 8 Add a ___ of salt
- 10 Millbrook has many
- 12 Author, Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town
- 14 Banting received a Nobel prize for isolating it
- 15 Eartha Kitt song often misattributed to Marilyn Monroe
- 16 Needler's ___
- 18 Nexicom headquarters
- 20 Latte art medium
- 22 Founding President of the NHL
- 23 Ornamental headpiece
- 27 Filmed in Millbrook (2005)
- 29 Caesar stirrer
- 32 Pig leader?
- 36 Anne of Green Gables author
- 37 Where you might meet your match
- 38 Entire
- 41 Spill the beans
- 43 They won the Grey Cup in 2018
- 45 Jail, slangily
- 47 Candelabrum for Hanukkah
- 48 Blank Canvas, locally
- 49 Arch rival
- 50 Group of _____
- 52 Retro
- 53 Early settler to Millbrook
- 54 Purges (of)

Down

- 1 Christmas song
- 2 Used an awl
- 3 School subject
- 6 Built in 1881, located on Hay Street
- 7 First Canadian woman to win Olympic medal in Judo
- 9 Local crisis, 1875
- 11 It's hard to keep up with them
- 13 An ace is a good one
- 17 Filmed in Millbrook (2019)
- 19 Local playwright
- 21 Local river
- 22 Area of public land
- 24 Doctor who lived at 33 King Street West, Millbrook ON
- 25 Old-timey way to get around
- 26 First elected female First Nations chief in Canada
- 28 Speckled horse
- 30 St. Thomas More is one
- 31 Waistcoat item
- 32 Like a fox
- 33 Tic-tac-toe winner
- 34 New Mayor
- 35 Crier's employer
- 39 Alouette 1 satellite launcher
- 40 Musical notation
- 42 Herjolfsson, who was likely the first European in North America
- 44 Yearn for
- 46 Raising a stink?
- 47 A thing hard to explain
- 50 Mythical river of the underworld
- 51 Thrown out of the country
- 53 Word before or after spa
- 55 Charged particle

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MANDATE

The purpose of the Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society is to bring together individuals interested in the diverse historical aspects of Cavan Monaghan and to research, record, retain, preserve, and present historical information pertaining to the area.

The objectives of the Society include:

- Recalling the past and preserving the present.
- Maintaining a community repository for artifacts and written records of historical interest to Cavan Monaghan.
- Encouraging the study and research of the history of Cavan Monaghan and heritage-based learning, and developing volunteer opportunities for individuals.
- Securing and preserving an accurate account of the historical, architectural and archaeological heritage of Millbrook and Cavan.
- Advancing education by improving the public's understanding and awareness of the history of Cavan Monaghan by hosting events, displays, exhibitions and performances, supporting programs offered by the society, and by producing educational material.
- Preserving objects and structures of historical significance.