

Trent Lakes Heritage
operated by Greater Harvey Historical Society
and Kinmount Heritage

Trent Lakes and Area Heritage Website
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OUR TEAM

at G.H.H.S. and Kinmount Heritage

With winter just about over, we are glad

to see spring arrive.

We have had a very busy winter working.

at home and in the office.

We are putting together a web site, that will serve

Our members and the public.

want to include many things, like the History.

our area past and present, including events.

So, bear with us, it is a work in progress, we are

Not sure of the starting date yet but watch for us.

Welcome to Trent Lakes Heritage **this will be the name of our Website.**

We hope on this web site to cover information for the people

of Trent Lakes and Area. We are Historical Society and a Museum.

We are passionate about our area and our history. So, we hope you enjoy.

due to our raising costs our membership has been raised to \$20.00

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An account of the heroic rescue by Mr. T.S. Wood (Sam wood) of Buckhorn in saving Bill Pearson from the icy waters of Buckhorn Lake.

It was December 12, 1950, approximately 4:15 p.m. School was dismissed and David Pearson and Bill Pearson and Jim Shearer were crossing the bridge on their way home from school. Bill had just started across school in September and David and Jim were pulling him on a hand sled.

At this time Sam Wood was Postmaster of the Buckhorn Post Office. He was crossing the bridge on his way home to sort the afternoon mail. As Sam Wood approached the boys on the bridge, the boys parted, David Pearson and Jim Shearer went to the side-walk side of the bridge, while Bill Pearson jumped off the sleigh going to the opposite side of the bridge. Due to the snow being piled up on either side of the bridge, Bill slipped and went between the railings and fell into the lake on the upper side of the dam.

Sam Wood immediately stopped his car and dived into the icy waters, without any thought for his own safety. It was fortunate that Bill was wearing a two-piece, wind and water repellant snow suit. In his fall, his jacket picked up air which buoyed him up amongst the ice floes. Sam Wood managed to reach Bill and hold him above the water until help arrived.

At this time a second man was approaching the bridge and stopped to help. Fortunately, that same week this had house cleaned the trunk of his car of all but a rope. He put this back, something telling him that he might need it someday! He needed it sooner than he had anticipated. He tossed the rope over the bridge and down to Sam Wood, who toed the rope around himself and while holding Bill in his arms, he and Bill were hauled up to the bridge and safety by the group of men who had gathered by this time.

It is significant to note here that Sam Wood told later that as the rope was lowered to him over the bridge, that he knew his prayer for help would be answered because he could see the hands of the Lord on the rope as it came toward him.

After seeing that Bill was taken home and in the care of the attending Doctor, Sam Wood continued on his way home and with a change of dry clothing was back at the Post Office, business as usual.

Needless to say, Sam Wood was extolled as the hero of the day, not only by the village of Buckhorn but by the media as well.

Sam Wood was acknowledged by many people in many ways for his act of bravery, not the least of which was a monetary award from Molson Breweries.

It is significant to note again that this award from Molson's was returned to them by Sam Wood, saying that his Christian principals would not allow him to accept an award from the company.

A truly remarkable man of his time!

Early Days in Cavendish Township

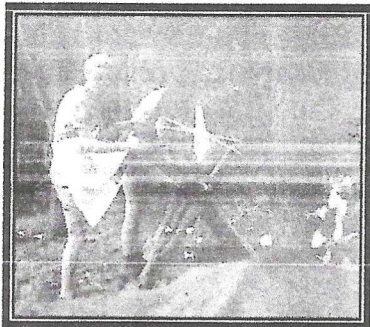


When your summer cottage is on an island in the middle of Catchacoma Lake, a custom made punt becomes the main mode of transportation and it's always more enjoyable if someone else is doing the rowing.

For a number of untold summers, the punt ferried family, friends and supplies to and from the island through rain and sunny skies.

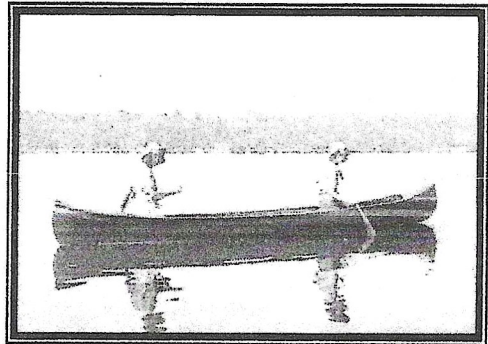
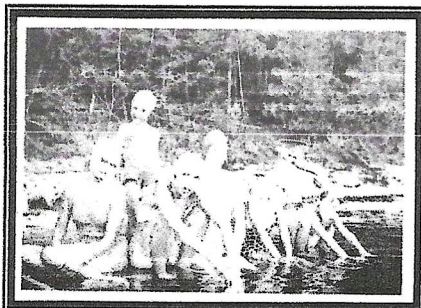
Dad commuted back and forth to work on weekends while mother,

my brother, sisters and I went about the daily chores of living without electricity, running water or central heating.



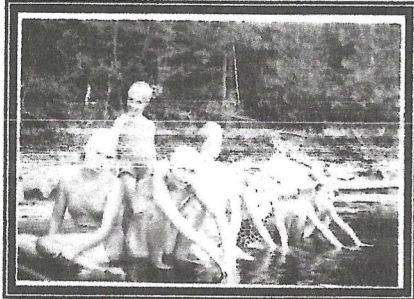
There was wood to cut with the "bow saw" since all meals were cooked on the old wood stove in the summer kitchen. Your mouth would water when mother made her famous apple pies or took a roast out of the oven. Food always tasted better on the wood stove for some reason. The stove also took the damp chill out of the cabin on those rare rainy days. Chores were divided up among us kids (but not without a little bickering), like cleaning and filling the oil lamps daily. If it didn't get done you went to bed early as you couldn't see after dark.

Without a corner store the need for milk, butter, eggs and cheese meant a trip in the canoe to the local farm where the milk was often so fresh it was still warm. To keep these perishables cool during the long hot summer days, dad dug a hole in the cool ground out back about three or four feet deep, suitably lined with stones. Blocks of ice, saved from last winter in sawdust in the ice house, served as our refrigeration system.



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Such are my fond memories of summers on Catchacoma Lake, and its stories like these "*The Greater Harvey Historical Society*" (GHHS) are looking for to create a history book on Cavendish Township.

Although the book will contain the basic recorded facts of land owners and municipal government, what really makes a book of this nature interesting are stories (like the one above) about the life and times of the inhabitants. Events that had an impact on the lives of men, women and children, who chose to visit, work, play, or live in the township. GHHS would appreciate items of interest including photographs and information about local businesses, logging, hunting, fishing, trapping, prospecting, mining, summer camps, original homesteads, firefighting, the fire tower, road building/paving of existing roads, communities, the arrival of electricity and the telephone, mail delivery, schools, taverns/inns like the Red Lion & Trappers, sports, recreational activities, marinas, trailer parks, regattas, life on the lakes, etc. Of particular interest are family histories. Stories of how your family chose this area to live and play.

Sugar Plums

1/4 pound dried figs
1/4 pound pitted dates
1/4 pound seedless raisins
1/4 pound dried apricots
1/2 pound crystallized ginger
1/2 pound blanched almonds
1/2 pound walnut pieces
1/2 pound Brazil nuts
grated rind of 1 orange
enough lemon juice or brandy to bind the mixture together
fruit sugar

Process or grind the dried fruits, nuts, and ginger to a coarse cut in your food processor, or chop very small with a sharp knife. Add orange peel and mix well. Add enough liquid to bind mixture together. Shape into balls and roll in fruit sugar. Store in a cool place. This is a very forgiving recipe and deletions and/or substitutions do not change its excellent flavour.

HISTORY OF THE GREATER HARVEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BUCKHORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1984 WITH EIGHT MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

AT THE NEXT MEETING IN OCTOBER OF 1984, THE NAME OF THE SOCIETY WAS CHANGED TO THE *GREATER HARVEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY* TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE TOWN OF BUCKHORN (PART OF WHICH IS IN SMITH TOWNSHIP) AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH A BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF HARVEY TOWNSHIP AND STARTED TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, CEMETERIES, EARLY EVENTS AND MANY FAMILY HISTORIES/PHOTOGRAPHS, AND BEGAN INTERVIEWING PEOPLE FROM THE AREA.

IN 1992, THE SOCIETY RELEASED THEIR HISTORICAL BOOK TITLED *HARVEY TOWNSHIP AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY*.

WITH THE PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF OUR BOOKS, THE SOCIETY ERECTED TWO COMMEMORATIVE MONUMENTS, ONE AT NOGIES CREEK CEMETERY AND THE OTHER AT SANDY LAKE CEMETERY.

IN 1999, DAVID KEMLO WAS APPROACHED BY THE BUCKHORN LIBRARY TO BECOME A DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIETY. PAM DICKEY ATTENDED WITH HIM AND WAS SOON NOMINATED TO BECOME THE PRESIDENT. A POSITION THAT SHE HELD A NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE PAST 6 YEARS AND NOW HOLD AGAIN IN 2005. DAVID HAS REMAINED AS A DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS AND RECENTLY RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. BOTH DAVID AND PAM ALONG WITH NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS WORK ENDLESS HOURS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEN PAM BECAME PRESIDENT, SHE FOUND THAT THE SOCIETY HAD COLLECTED OVER A 1000 FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, MANY OF WHICH STILL REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF FAMILY BIBLES AND INTERESTING ARTIFACTS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE ORIGINAL DEED FOR LAND OWNED BY SIR SANFORD FLEMING WITH HIS ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

WITH THE MERGING OF GALWAY, CAVENDISH AND HARVEY, AND THE GROWING INTEREST WORLD WIDE IN FAMILY GENEALOGY, THE EXECUTIVE DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO CHARTER A NEW COURSE. ONE OF OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES WAS TO FIND A HOME WHERE WE COULD SHARE OUR WEALTH OF DATA.

THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WAS KIND ENOUGH TO PROVIDE US WITH A LARGE STORAGE ROOM IN WHICH WE PRESERVE OUR ARCHIVES ALONG WITH THE AREAS WE NOW USE AS OUR LIBRARY, RESEARCH FACILITIES, AND COMPUTER ROOM.

THE GREATER HARVEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND ARCHIVAL CENTRE HAS CONTINUED TO GROW, DUE TO DEDICATION AND HARD WORK. WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT FAMILY HISTORIES, BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY AND HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS HERITAGE ITEMS FROM MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO LIKE US WISH TO PRESERVE THEIR HERITAGE, YET KEEP THE ITEMS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE 5 MINUTES OUT OF BOBCAYGEON WE ALSO INCLUDE THE SURROUNDING AREAS WITHIN OUR RESEARCH, EXTENDING INTO THE VICTORIA COUNTY REGION.

WHAT STARTED AS A SMALL GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS TRYING TO PRESERVE THEIR HERITAGE HAS TURNED INTO A LARGE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ENJOY RECEIVING OUR WONDERFUL NEWSLETTER, ATTENDING OUR FUNCTIONS, AND HELPING US COLLECT AND PRESERVE INFORMATION, NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Historical Sketch of the Townships of Galway & Cavendish

In 1861, the combined population of Galway and Cavendish Townships was 352 people. By 1871, the population had risen to 521 people and was a mixture of Irish, Scot, English and German stock. The predominant groups, were Irish of the roman catholic faith and Irish Protestants who were members of the Church of England.

These two townships, united for municipal purposes, form part of the northern area of Peterborough County. Galway Township contains 69,920 acres and lies north of Harvey Township. Both townships have well-known antecedents to their names; Galway being named after the Irish county, and Cavendish being named in honour of the famous scientist Sir Henry Cavendish who first measured the density of the earth and discovered the composition of water.

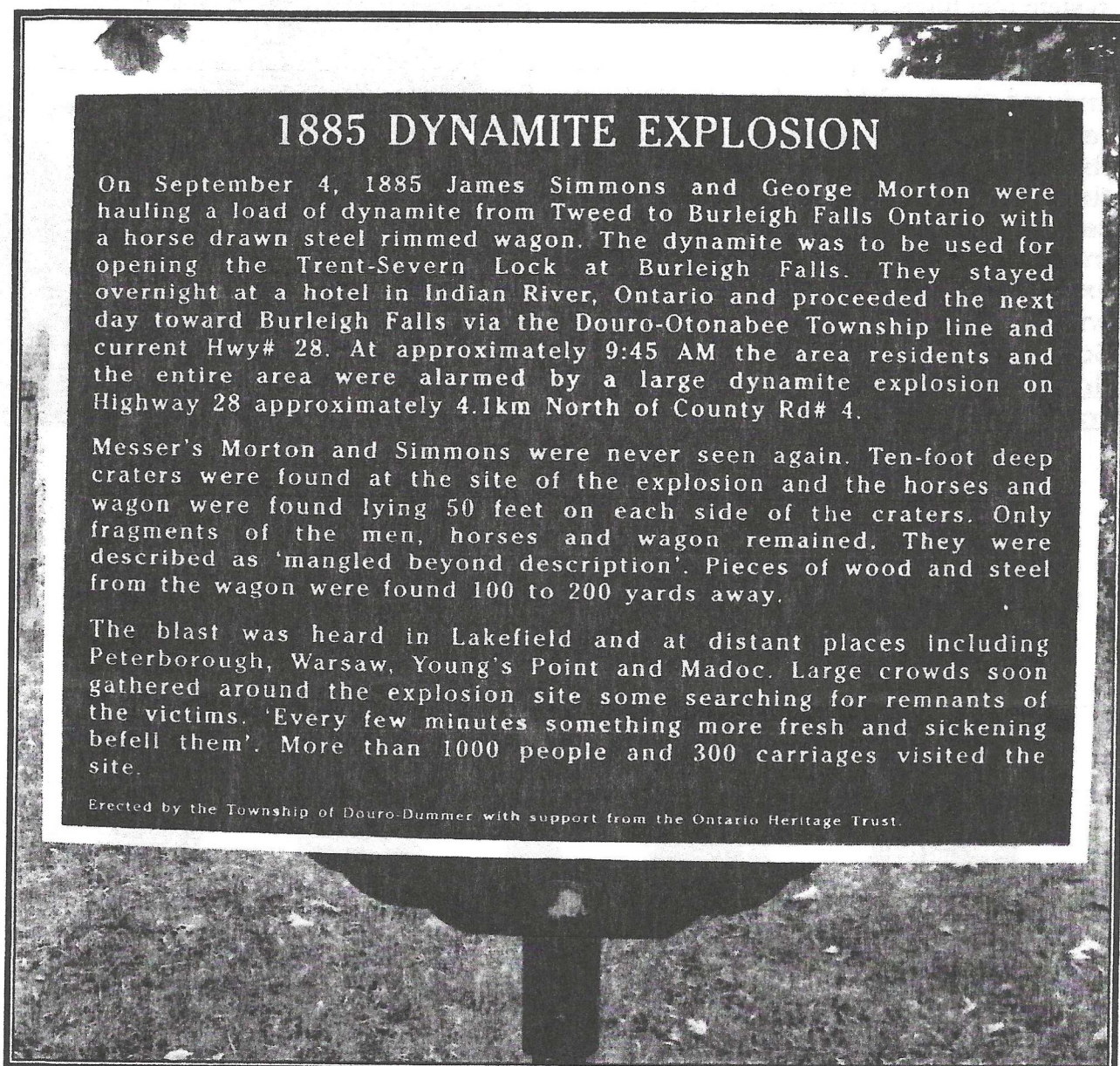
Galway Township was first surveyed by M. Dean Provincial Land Surveyor, in 1857. Mr. Dean travelled over the northern and western parts of the area and reported that it was well-watered, and although undulating and stony in place still generally well suited for some settlement. Several rock ridges made it more adaptable to cattle raising than grain farming. It was later noted that the south-eastern part of the township was of virtually no use as agricultural land as it was extremely rocky but that it was covered with very fine red and white pine three to four feet in diameter. It was also noted that wildlife abounds in both townships and that trout and black bass can easily be caught.

1885 Dynamite Explosion

On November 22, 2006, the Douro-Dummer Historical Committee in conjunction with Council unveiled a plaque to publicly commemorate the event in 1885 when a wagon load of dynamite, destined for the new Tent Locks at Burleigh Falls, exploded.

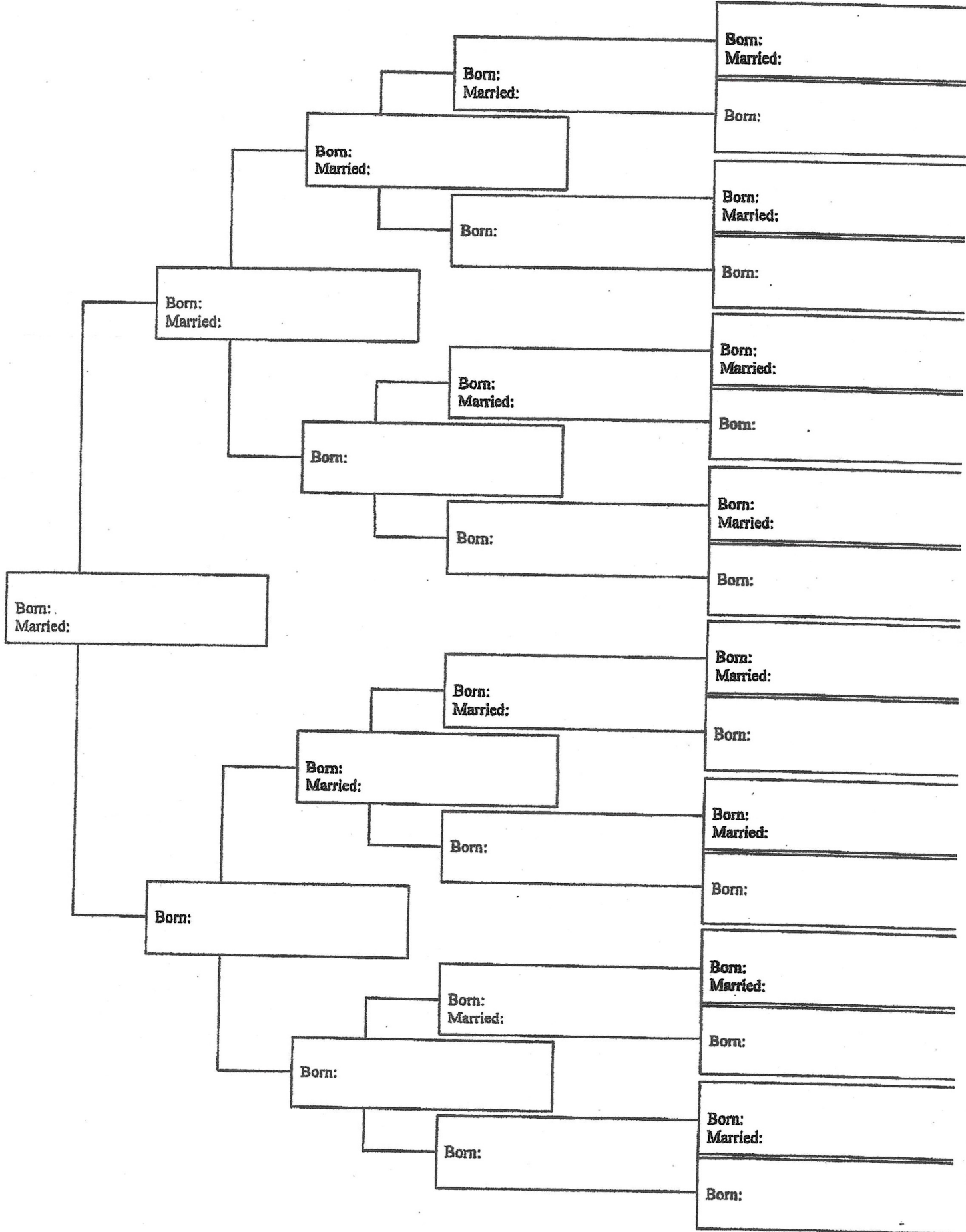
The Historical Plaque is located adjacent to the entrance to the Douro Recreational Centre on Hwy # 28 near County Road 4.

The Plaque is as follows:-



Ancestors of "Your Family Name will Appear Here"

Parents Grandparents Great-Grandparents 2nd Great-Grandparents



Greater Harvey Historical Society

& Kinmount Heritage Centre

Working to preserve our community's history for over 30 years!

G.H.H.S. Membership cost: P.P \$20.00

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Serving- Trent Lakes and now Kinmount and surrounding areas.

G.G.H.S. is at Galway Hall, 388 Galway Rd. Trent Lakes

Open 2-4th Fridays from April 1- November1. Or by appointment

*We help with Ancestry, Heritage, and all things pertaining to our Area's History.
Kinmount Heritage is open Saturday from 10:30- 2:00 from middle of May to
end of Thanksgiving at Kinmount Railway Station.*

For more information please call:

The office at 705-488-9952 and leave a message

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Greater Harvey Historical Society and Kinmount Heritage

Trent Lake and Area Heritage web site

G.H.H.S. hours 10:30-2:00 every 2nd and 4th Fridays April-
November 1st or by appointment.

Kinmount Heritage Saturday – 10:30-2:00 Middle May-
Thanksgiving

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What we can do for you!

Family trees and ancestry

We preserve historical documents, maps, pictures, and archival
items.

Search for local folklore, burial sites, & census

Read our books on research, and family trees

Answer questions by email or letters

Send newsletters to our members through out the year

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we will get back to you as soon as possible 705-488-9952 please
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