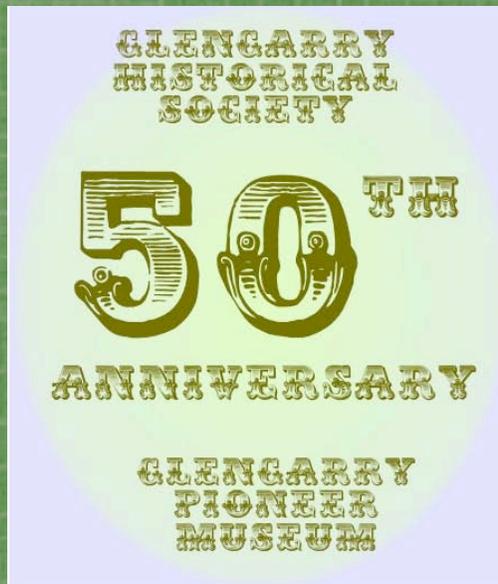




Hugh Pearson MacMillan 1924 - 2012



Dedicated to Preserving the History of Glengarry

September General Meeting: Presbyterian Union and Schism in Glengarry County

The September public meeting of the Glengarry Historical Society will be held in Williamstown at St Andrews United Church, 8 PM on Thursday, 6 Sept 2012. All are welcome to attend.

In his presentation David Anderson will illustrate the historical and social effects of the Great Disruption of 1844 in the Church of Scotland and subsequent Church Union in Canada, on local families, sanctuaries and cemeteries. He will offer an observer's key to understanding related questions of church architecture and liturgical practices in Glengarry. Students of the topic will benefit by revisiting Dr Donald Neil MacMillan's book *The Kirk in Glengarry*, the authoritative text on the subject.

It promises to be an enlightening presentation.

Next Meeting

- Date: September 6, 8PM**
- Subject: Presbyterian Union and Schism in Glengarry County**
- Place: St. Andrews United Church Williamstown**

The October public meeting will be held at the Green Valley Community Centre in Green Valley at 8pm on Thursday, 4th Oct 2012.

A History of Logging in Eastern Ontario

Jim Hendry of the Ministry of Natural Resources Ontario will take us through the clearing of the old growth forests of Glengarry and the wider area. He will speak on logging techniques and the spin-off industries that provided much needed income for the early settlers of the area.

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Glengarry Archives

The creation of an accessible Archive is a 50th anniversary project of the Glengarry Historical Society. Glengarry County has played an important role in Canada's development since the first surveys were conducted over 230 years ago. Much of this history is contained within the Society's collection.

The GHS Archives contain documents tracing the early development of Glengarry County from the arrival of the first Loyalists until the present day, and extensive source material on Scottish Clans, particularly Clan Donald and Clan MacMillan.

Future work for the archives will involve creating a physically and electronically accessible site, to provide researchers and visitors, both now and in the future, with easy access to information on Glengarry history.

As an interim measure, Barry MacDonald, at the historic Priest's Mill in Alexandria, has graciously provided the Society with complimentary space for one year to enable the start-up of this project. GHS is most grateful to him. In the meantime, it is estimated that the GHS Archives will require a minimum space of 600 sq. ft to operate in the future; and GHS is negotiating to acquire a permanent home for the project.

The GHS Board wishes to thank Karen Davison-Wood, Allan MacDonald and David Anderson for their help and encouragement in moving this initiative forward.

If you required more information on this project, please contact Robin Flockton at 613-525-2483.



Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering with the Glengarry Historical Society or with one of its Museums, contact us for information on available opportunities. We are always looking for dedicated individuals who wish to join in local heritage work, events and programming.

Archives acquires D. A. MacDonald Papers

More important papers belonging to Glengarry politician and businessman D.A. Macdonald (Sandfield), a major figure in Confederation-era Canada, have been added to the Glengarry Historical Society's newly-reorganized Archives.

A collection of Macdonald's papers - the only such collection known - recently came to light, and the Society was fortunate to be able to acquire a significant portion of it. Plans call for further organization of the Macdonald papers to make them available for study and research

The papers include accounts books from Macdonald's Alexandria general store from the 1850s and '60s, a rent book detailing his substantial Glengarry land holdings, paybooks for some of his major railway and construction contracts including portions of the New York Central Railroad and the Montreal waterworks, and a letter book from when he served as Canada's postmaster general.

D.A. Macdonald was born in St. Raphael's in 1817. He had businesses operations both locally and afield, was a member of federal parliament from 1857 to 1875, and lieutenant-governor of Ontario from 1875 to 1880. His long-time Glengarry home was Garry Fen, still a prominent home on Mill Square, Alexandria. He died in Montreal in 1896 and is buried in St. Finnan's cemetery. He was the brother of John Sandfield Macdonald, long-time federal Member of Parliament and the first premier of post-Confederation Ontario.

Dane Lanken

Scenes from the Annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum



ONGOING AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUMS

At the Nor'Wester's and Loyalist Museum, Williamstown:
until Thanksgiving *The Ayrshire Exhibit*.

At the Glengarry Pioneer Museum, Dunvegan:
September 18 *Harvest Fall Festival*
September 24 & 25 *War of 1812 Re-Enactment*

Summer Scenes from the Glengarry Pioneer Museum



The Auctioneer at the Glengarry Wood Fair & Auction



The Arte Fayre



The Alpine Horns



Jean and Blair Williams unveiling plaque in their name

Hugh P. MacMillan

On 21 July 2012 the founding president of our society, the well-known Hugh P MacMillan, passed away at the age of 88 in his sleep at his Ottawa residence, lucid to his final days. His wife, the former Muriel Diver, and their four children and several grandchildren remain. Hugh P was the negotiator in the late 1950s for the acquisition of the Star Inn which remains the centrepiece of the Glengarry Pioneer Museum complex at Dunvegan. In 1962, when the Society was chartered he began a second collection, this time centred on the early fur trade of the North West Company, which is now curated by the Nor'Wester & Loyalist Museum in Williamstown.

Hugh P's own account of these days is detailed in a article he wrote for our annual volume, *Glengarry Life* (1997), but for the best account of his remarkable life one must read his autobiography entitled *Adventures of a Paper Sleuth* (Penumbra Press, Manotick ON, 2004). The announcement of his passing was covered in the *Glengarry News* and is available on their website, as is his funeral eulogy which is on the website of our society.

The funeral at Kirkhill (St Columba's) was attended by a large crowd of friends and neighbours with many coming from a far distance, all sharing in the web of friendship and interests that inspired our founder throughout his days.

David G Anderson

Did you settle in Glengarry County Between 1945 and 2012 ?

YOUR STORY COULD BE PART OF GLENGARRY'S HISTORY !

Since 1945, many people have made Glengarry their new home. In view of this, the Glengarry Historical Society and the Glengarry Encore Program have begun a joint venture to gather the stories of their arrival and settlement. Each story should be between 500-700 words. All submitted stories will be archived as part of Glengarry's history.

Of these stories, 100 will be published in a book, "*Glengarry My New Home: Immigration to Glengarry County 1945-2012*". Publication date is planned for Spring 2013.

For more information on "Glengarry My New Home: Immigration to Glengarry County 1945-2012", visit www.glengarryencore.com and select the tab for Book 2.

The submission deadline for stories is 31 October, 2012. Completed stories should be sent to: Encore.education@hotmail.com.

Submissions should include the author's name and contact information, as well as the date of arrival in Glengarry and the primary reason for immigration. If you require assistance with preparing your story, please call Glengarry Encore at 613-525-1008.

You do not have to be a member of Glengarry Encore or the Glengarry Historical Society to participate in this project.

Add your story to the rich history of Glengarry.

Women in Between: Women in the Fur Trade

Ann Anderson was the July 31 Guest Speaker at the Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum. She spoke on women in the fur trade and their important role in the fur trading industry. She highlighted the special skills and hard work these women contributed to their voyageur husbands' and the North West Company's success. Through tough times and often far from their roots many of the Métis women maintained important ties to their Aboriginal communities. Ann shared her own experience of Métis culture including history, art, and identity. We would like to again extend many thanks to Ann for a valuable educational, and entertaining evening.



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