

Masonry goes a long way back in the Robertson family of the Scotch Line, Verulam. This fact was mentioned last Friday night at a regular meeting of Verulam Lodge, A.F. and A.M. when J. J. Robertson the laird of the township, was presented with his fifty-year gold lapel button and Rt. Wor. Bro. H. H. McFadden, past D.D.G.M. was assisted in the presentation of the jewel by a son and a grandson of Bro. Robertson.

It developed that a great grandfather of the recipient was one of the original members of the Lodge at Bobcaygeon, having been initiated in the old country.

The lodge was filled with brethren from Toronto, Lindsay and Bobcaygeon who had the opportunity of seeing the exemplification of the second degree by Past Masters.

Rt. Wor. Bro. McFadden, in making the presentation of the jewel to Bro. Robertson said in part:

"Brother John, a moments reflection on the life of your forbearers and yourself, brings forth the information that you come from hardy Scots stock who immigrated to the Scotch Line in Verulam Township about 1833. That your grandfather, Robert Roberston was a member of Verulam Lodge from the time of its inception in about 1872, until the time of his death in 1875, and your brother Robert was a member and served as Wor. Master of Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay".

"It is also interesting to note that your Uncle John Robertson was the first white child born on the Scotch Line and the second white child born in the township of Verulam".

Past District Deputy Grand Master McFadden spoke of his membership in the Masonic order and that of his son Delmar and grandson David.

“I know you to be sincere in your religious beliefs, and generous in the support of your church with your time, talents and finances. I know you have been staunch in your support of improved education and improved standards of health, having served on the respective boards in your area. I also know you to have extended your interests into poli-

tical, municipal and agricultural activities, by identifying yourself with the Liberal party, Verulam Agricultural Society, Verulam Municipal Council and Verulam Board of Health, the Federation of Agriculture and the Farmers' Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with which you served as director, vice president, president and adjustor over a period of 34 years".

"You also distinguished yourself as a successful breeder of polled angus cattle. All of these accomplishments you attained as the result of your own initiative, perserverence and effort. Characteristics so admirable today when we seem to be slipping into a welfare state."

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Many Lindsay and Victoria County organizations are stepping into the limelight with a diversified programme of projects for Centennial or Confederation year 1967. According to reports, those receiving most support through the country will be related to, or tied in with pioneer days. The Victoria County Historical Society fits right into the picture.

Following many meetings and many suggestions, the Historical Society has announced a very worthwhile project, building a new entrance to the present museum west of Lindsay, and the erection of a fine addition in which to store and display the hundreds of pioneer articles which today overcrowd the present building.

Members of the local society feel the project is one which will merit support. President J. A. McQuarrie, Q.C., said he felt that many people of Lindsay and district know very little about the splendid showplace the society has. "For this reason, members of the organization seek to enlarge the membership of the society, and in particular to interest citizens of the area in the need for such a museum."

Mr. McQuarrie said the museum invites people to donate pioneer articles to the society and when the building is re-opened in July, it is hoped that hundreds of people of the town and district will see the many items and articles now in the building.

The new entrance will add to the appearance of the building and the new addition of 36 by 40 feet will provide the much needed space for proper display. The building committee comprises: Ray McNeilly, Mrs. W. R. Allely and J. A. McQuarrie.