

97 Park Lane Dr.
Stratford Ont.
May 16, 1983.

Dear Mrs. Petterfer,

I read, with interest, of the closing of the Monteith-Shillington Public School at Monteith on June 30, 1983.

The Hon. Nelson Monteith, for whom the town of Monteith was named, was my grandfather. Although Grandfather died in 1949, eight of his ten children are still living, some of whom have visited your area. Sadly for them none will be able to attend the festivities next week-end.

Grandfather wrote daily diaries of his activities and travels during his lifetime, in which we find references to his hopes and plans for the Monteith area.

I am enclosing a copy of an item inserted in the 1982 Perth County Atlas, which may be of interest to you. I would like to make the trip to Monteith May 22nd, but, unless I can pressure someone into accompanying me, I'm afraid that will be impossible.

On behalf of all descendants of Mr. Monteith, I wish you all a most rewarding and enjoyable reunion, which I am sure will hold a touch of sadness at the closing of the school.

May God's blessing be upon all your present and future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs. Floyd) Berna H. Willows.