

Randall made first plough

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Here's the miniature of the "Norfolk" plough of Cobourg.

It sits atop the cairn at the Golden Plough Lodge.

It seems there is more than one Cobourg artisan with a skill for making miniature models of the "Norfolk" plough.

In Wednesday's Sentinel-Star, Reg Wenn was attributed with the modelling of the miniature plough

which sits atop the cairn in front of the Golden Plough Lodge on Elgin St.

However, Wednesday morning, Mrs. Douglas Randall of RR5 Cobourg shyly told us over the phone that it was her husband who created the

first miniature plough atop Cobourg's cairn.

Other friends and people who remembered Mr. Randall's work, came in to tell us.

She told the story behind her husband's work.

"At that time," said Mrs. Randall recalling the September, 1955, event, "my husband, Doug, was working at the Cobourg

foundry. The manager of the foundry at that time was Robert Holland. He asked Doug to make a miniature model of the plough for the cairn using the materials and and moulds at the foundry to create the first plough".

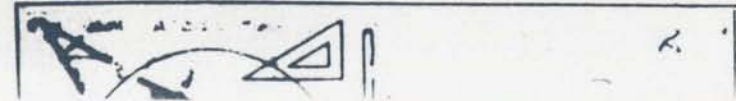
"It was a very difficult job as all he had to go by was a very tiny model of the plough," said Mrs. Randall. "But he made his own pattern and moulds and made the plough."

A short time afterward, the Cobourg foundry apparently folded and Doug was unable to make additional models because he did not have the facilities available. Mr. Randall suggested Reg Wenn make the ploughs, which he did.

Mr. Randall is still working artistically with his hands. He is a decorator and carpenter.

"He was always very clever with his hands," said Mrs. Randall. "He likes to create things."

So, let credit be given where most assuredly due. Douglas Randall was the creator and artisan who made the first "Norfolk" plough which now sits atop Cobourg's Golden Plough cairn.



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