

# Heritage Renfrew honors five generation home

Mr and Mrs Eldon Campbell received a plaque in connection with the heritage of their home located at 60 Hincks St East

The plaque donated by Heritage Renfrew is to commemorate any house 100 years or over and is a product of Heritage Day, Renfrew, 1975.

Presented by Pat Shean, chairman of the architectural committee, Mr and Mrs Campbell accepted the plaque on Thursday evening, February 27, 1975.

In the early 1850's the village fathers persuaded Francis Hincks, later Sir Francis Hincks, Prime Minister for ten weeks, to pitch his political tent in Renfrew and to make Renfrew his industrial base. He had acquired water rights on the Bonnechere River and land some time before.

He commissioned an engineer, Donald Kennedy, to draw up a development plan and to build a flume and a dam. Francis Hincks offered free waterpower to factory builders, reasoning that if the place grew, his holdings would increase in value.

Mr William MacKay, acted as agent for Sir Francis Hincks and lived and worked in the house that Mr and Mrs Eldon Campbell live in today. The house was built about 1852 and is a frame building with hand-hewn beams 10" x 12" and some boards on the inside walls are 24" wide.

Some time later the house was acquired by Mr V William Roberts, axemaker, who worked for Sir Francis Hincks, and five generations of his descendants have lived in this house.

Mrs Campbell is the great granddaughter of William Roberts.

## Obituary

### Landreau

Harry Landreau of 680 5th Ave, Renfrew, died in Victoria Hospital on March 1, 1975. He was 83.

He was born on January 17, 1892 at Ottawa son of the late Alex Landreau and his wife, the late Rosaline Dennique.

He was a self employed truck driver and had lived all his life in this vicinity being a member of St Francis Xavier Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rose Dennique, one son, Delmer, two daughters Mrs Matt (Vina) Narezny, Mrs Mae Cunningham of Renfrew two

brothers, Bill, Renfrew, and Donald, Welland, two sisters, Mrs Alma Dejardins, Renfrew, and Mrs Eva Lafernier, Galt.

The funeral was held from the Goulet Funeral Home for celebration of the eucharist at the Church of St Francis Xavier on March 5, 1975. Msgr S P Owens conducted the service, Entombment was in the parish vault.

Pallbearers were six grandsons, Harry, Wayne, Garry, Gerard, and Peter Cunningham and Michael Narezny.



Eldon and Phyllis Campbell proudly display their heritage sign given to them at the Heritage Renfrew monthly meeting February 27.



Log and brick home of Mr and Mrs N E Lindsay located at 321 Albert Street.

## Heritage homes in Renfrew

February being Heritage month The Mercury is printing the history of a few of the Heritage Homes in Renfrew.

The log and brick home of Mr and Mrs N E Lindsay was surveyed in November of 1976 by Marjorie Lindsay under auspices of Heritage Renfrew. It was photographed by George Johnston and developed by Dave Lorente Jr. The building is located at 321 Albert St and was constructed in 1880. This is an estimated date by Renfrew County Assessment Office, Pembroke.

The log is on part of the house

facing Elgin Ave. Additions including veranda facing onto Albert Street are estimated to have been added on between 1910 and 1920 and the whole house covered with brick.

Mr George Wood McDonald bought lots 10, 11, 12 facing onto Albert St from Elgin to Hincks Streets in 1876 and lot 9 (Hincks St) in 1884 from Sir Frances Hincks. In 1880 he built a log house on lot 12 facing Elgin Ave. Mr McDonald, accountant, insurance agent, magistrate, was a high school or public school trustee for much of the period 1870-1900.

Other owners of this house were:

1908 - 1936—Mr and Mrs James Austin and heirs.

Mr Austin was a prominent lumberman in Renfrew. Mrs Austin was Flora, daughter of G W McDonald.

1936 - 1943—Mr and Mrs Fred Wade. Mr Wade was mayor of Renfrew 1936-38 and entertained the Governor-General of Canada, Lord Buchan, in this house on a visit to Renfrew in 1938.

1943 - 1946—Mr and Mrs Lorne Wilson.

1946 - 1976—Mr and Mrs Nathaniel E Lindsay.