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DONALD ARTHUR CLEMENTS

Donald Arthur Clements, son of Victor and Marion Clements of RR 1, Warsaw, recently graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College with a diploma in engineering drafting. He is a former graduate of Warsaw District Public School and Lakefield District Secondary School.



Ken Johnson, Beatrice Choates, John Wadland (Dave Pink, Examiner)

Historical records donated to Trent

As the story goes, Thomas Choate was a shopkeeper back in 19th century Warsaw.

He was also a fierce prohibitionist and a founding force behind the local Sons of Temperance, an organization first coming into vogue in the 1840s shortly before Canadian Confederation.

At weekly intervals Mr. Choate would welcome 110 of Warsaw's leading male citizens to meetings in his combination general store/post office until the group ran out of steam in later years of the 1800s.

Yesterday, Trent University accepted the records of Thomas Choate. His granddaughter by marriage, Beatrice Choate of Peterborough, made the presentation to John Wadland, a professor in the university's Canadian Studies department.

Included in the gift are the journals and indexes of the general store from 1849 to 1910 as well as the minutes of the Sons of Temperance meetings from 1849 to 1855 — including Mr. Choate's letter of resignation from the organization in

1855.

Mrs. Choate also donated a large quantity of aging family photographs.

Ken Johnson, a university archivist, says the records will be bound and reserved for members of the public and university students researching early Canadian economic life.

The Choate records joins the university collection of the Sherin family papers, store operators in Lakefield during the same period, and the private papers of former Ontario premier Leslie Frost.

Four generations of the Choate family, including Mrs. Choate at the top of the list, were on hand for the presentation in the Bata Library yesterday.

Mrs. Choate said she was happy the papers would be put to use and acknowledged the thanks of Mr. Wadland.

Mr. Wadland said the papers will be a valuable tool for researchers of the period and said he was particularly happy to welcome donations from local families. "It establishes a link between the people and the university," he said.