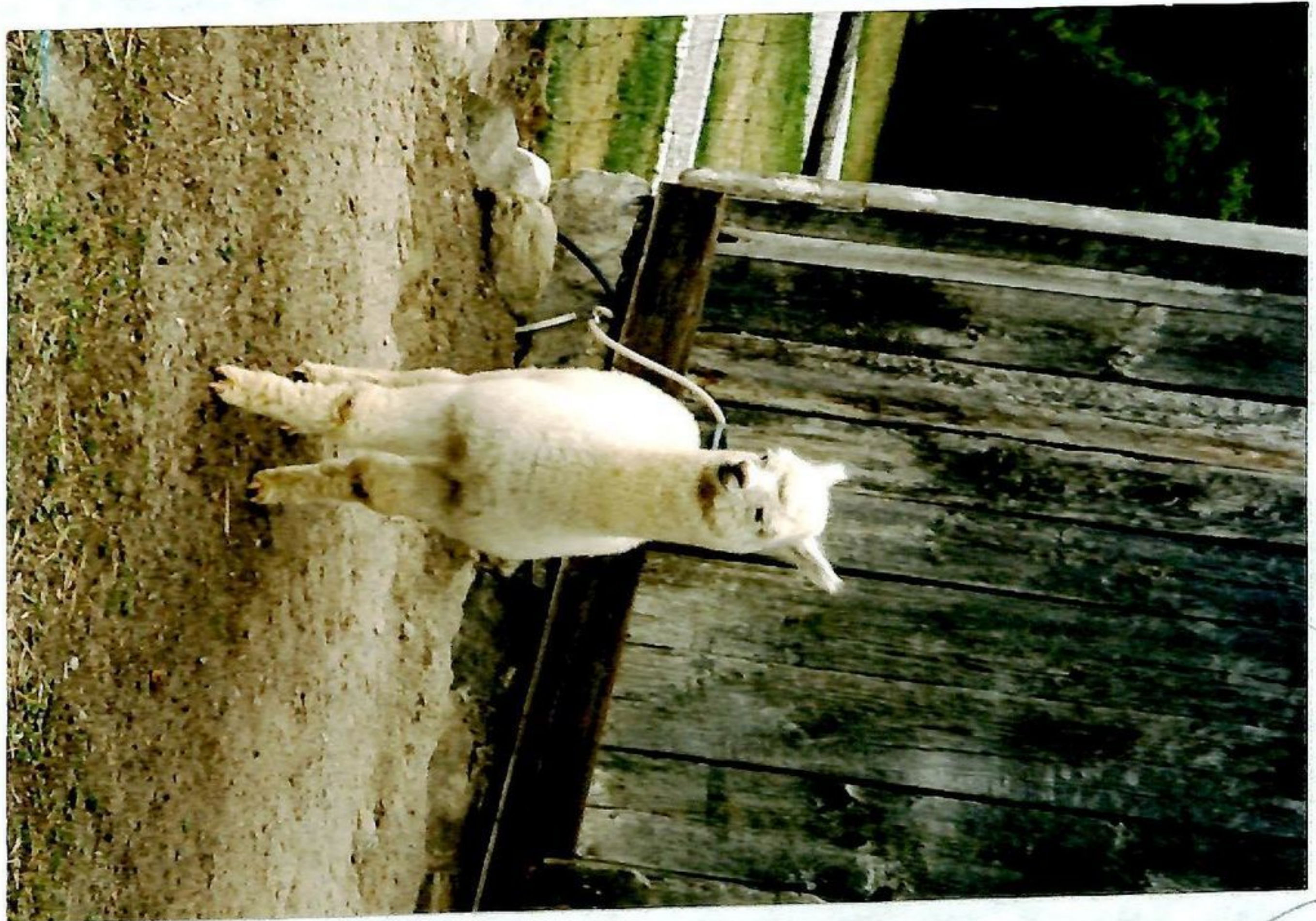


CASTLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Christmas 1999

Twas two weeks before Christmas and at Shirley's house, we gather
together, for turkey and mousse.
Our Institute Ladies so lively and quick
I thought, for a moment, this must be a trick
But no, each one here is so kind and so dear
And treat me as friend, though recently moved here
To name just a few, our President Shirley
Does a wonderful job, she must arise early
Our Past President Mary, busy with the twins
We may only see her as to the Homestead she spins
First Vice-President Beth, keeps us on track
Nothing escapes her and that is a fact
We'd not function long without her, so many offices she fills,
and when she is needed she uses her skills
Joyce finds time to be Secretary and Second Vice President
Plus other duties, she's our true and faithful resident
Margaret as Treasurer uses her talents
To scold us and tell us we must keep our balance
Sue, our Branch Director, Curator and more
Fills needs that would put most of us on the floor
Myrtle, Ruth, Elaine and Doreen do what they can
Finding it hard to come up with a plan
Irene keeps us up to date with culture and art
We need her to help us not to depart
From things fine and beautiful like music and art
We love to see Muriel when she has a chance
To leave hairdressing and gals who sing and dance
Not to leave out Lois, Verna, Mary, Roseanne and more -
Right jolly friends, too and anyone here
I don't know - we need you
As I sit here so full of turkey and stuff (I wish I could stop when
I've had enough)
Christmas Blessings and cheer to each of us here as to-gether we
look forward to another good year.

Written by Doreen Deacon
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