

First Settler Came in 1821 Where Ballinafad is Now

Pioneer days at Ballinafad were reviewed by Ernest Root when he spoke at the first memorial service there on Sunday afternoon, August 12.

Nathaniel Roszell, a native of Pennsylvania, was the first settler in Erin township, Mr. Root said. He came with his family from Smithville in November, 1821, and settled on lot one between the sixth and seventh line where the hamlet of Ballinafad later sprang up.

Benjamin Roszell was the first white child born in Erin township; the date of his birth being November 11, 1821. The first revival meeting of the settlers was held in Mr. Roszell's home.

Joseph Hills, with his brother, William, moved into the northern part of Esqueping about the same time as the Roszells moved into Erin. For Joseph Jr. was born on the Hills farm just one mile east of Ballinafad on November 23, 1821. Joseph and William had come up the previous fall, made a little clearing and built log houses, on lots adjoining one another on the town line.

Rev. Joseph Hills, son of William Hills, wrote in one of his books the following: About four years after the founding of the settlement, the scattered population concluded to put up a log building that would serve the double purpose of school and meetinghouse. They held a meeting and laid their plans and in a short time a very comfortable school was ready for use on the corner of Nathaniel Roszell's farm just across the road from where the store now stands. In this school, religious services were held for a number of years.

Mr. Roszell also gave land for a cemetery, a church, a temperance hall and a parsonage. One way and another this good man gave to the public and to the Lord, nearly half of the front of 100 acres.

(A daughter of one of the pupils of that log school has a picture of it with the teacher and pupils.)

Mr. Heyland was a Methodist and the first minister to hold services in that school.

Mr. Pitcher was the first school master and he, with his son, Peter, boarded with the various families. His salary, which was small, was a stated sum for each pupil.

The three R's were taught and many amusing stories could be told of incidents which occurred. One was that when the Master occasionally fell asleep in his chair, his son did his best to keep order. This school was started about 1825 or 1826.

About 1869 this school was closed and those on the Erin side went to school at Peacock Corners and those in Esqueping to Blue Mountain.

In the early days, land for the cemetery was given by Mr. Roszell but in 1845, a meeting was called for the purpose of appointing trustees. On May 9, 1845, a deed was drawn up between Nathaniel Roszell and his wife, Hannah, and the three trustees, in the Township of Erin, in the County of Waterloo, in Wellington District and the Province of Canada. The names of the trustees were Obadiah Roy, Archibald Patterson and Joseph Hills. Witnesses were Donald McEain and Arthur Thompson. The sum of five shillings was paid for the land.

The first church to be built was the Methodist, just west of the cemetery, in the year 1841. Near it was the Temperance Hall, which is a very old building. Mr. Root explained.

A short distance west of it, land was given for a parsonage, which in later years was the property owned by the late Duncan Ferguson. Rev. Tyndal, his wife and family, lived there for a number of years, the old house being a bit west of the present one.

Other land was also given or sold by Mr. Roszell, above the cemetery on the seventh line.

Abraham Buck was among the early settlers of Ballinafad vicinity. William Havens was another and he was appointed clerk of the local municipality.

Thomas Merry, a native of the Emerald Isle, is credited with giving Ballinafad its name.

A Mr. Hopkins was appointed first tax collector in 1824.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Roszell were buried on the eastern side of the cemetery and their graves are marked by two white stones.

Bishop Wesley Warne was a native of Erin township. He was a missionary in India for 40 years. He was buried near the west side of the cemetery in 1932.

Dublin Institute Plans for Fairs

The Dublin Women's Institute held its July meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Wilmer Watkins, Mill St. After the usual opening exercises, the roll call was responded to by the members, giving their birth month and flower.

Mrs. William McIntyre, president, was in the chair and the secretary, Mrs. Alex Near, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. G. R. Somerville gave a brief resume of attending a sea in Toronto recently when winners in the Salada Tea handicrafts competition for Women's Institute members of Ontario were awarded their prizes.

As Fall Fairs are in the next month, arrangements were made for displays of canned foods, aprons and other entries. Girls' 4-H Club will also have a display. Mrs. James Van Fleet, Mrs. Rennie, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Near were named a committee to attend to the arranging of this.

William Middleton was guest speaker of the evening and in an interesting and enthusiastic manner, spoke on the blood donor clinic being held in Acton on August 30. Members of the Institute volunteered to make a canvass of the rural neighborhood south and west of Acton for blood donors.

Mrs. Murchison was named leader of the Girls' 4-H Club and Mrs. H. Blyth, assistant leader. A talk on citizenship was given by Mrs. G. R. Somerville. Mrs. Lindsay Ferguson read from Pages of the Past on the chapter, Agricultural Fairs, which was quite timely.

Mrs. Pearl Kennedy spoke of the Women's Institute holiday week at the O.A.C., Guelph, which she and five other ladies from Acton had enjoyed.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. P. Kennedy, Mrs. McPhedran and Mrs. Charles Davidson. Mrs. James Van Fleet was courtesy convener.

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Writer Sees Eden Mills as Scene Torn from Pioneer Picture Book

"Picturesque mill, quaint streets, bathing pond and scenes of quiet pastoral beauty".

This description headlines Eden Mills, the subject of nearly a full page of pictures and story in a recent issue of the Hamilton Spectator. The small community is featured in one of the newspaper's regular series covering towns in this part of Ontario.

Writer Donald Kollege has included pictures of Eden Mills' main street, some of the older buildings including the old mill and shops of its operators, Henry Barden and son James. There is also a scene at the mill dam and a picture of three of the police village's senior residents, Norman Marshall, Bill Cole and "Mac" MacDougall.

The text of the story is reprinted here:

Like a scene from a pioneer picture book, the little village of Eden Mills nestles on the banks of the Eramosa River, seven miles east of Acton.

Charm of Buildings
Picturesque in every detail of its sylvan setting, the old stone buildings lend a charm to the scene.

The area first became a settlement in 1842 when Daniel and Aaron Kribs purchased the land to build a mill. The little settlement became known as Kribs' Mills, but

was later renamed Eden by Adam L. Argo, who purchased the land in 1846.

Since its inception, life of the village has centred around the old water powered mill. The land was first purchased by the Krib Brothers after a survey of the Eramosa river. At the site where the mill is located, they found a fall of some eight feet in the river bed, and set to work immediately to build the dam which was completed in October of 1842.

The mill was constructed during the same period and was ready for operation at that time. The original mill was believed to have been built in 1856, and was purchased by its present owner, Henry Barden, in 1917. For many years it was used for the grinding of flour, but in 1929 was converted to a saw mill.

New Sawing Mill
Power for the mill is derived from a 24-inch water wheel set in the mill race. Turned by water force alone, it delivers 32.6 horsepower to run the 24-inch saw and other machinery.

Mr. Barden said the mill was converted to sawing because of the shortage of wheat in the area, and a scarcity of trucks to haul it from any distance.

Stone buildings predominate in the village, among them Marshall's General Store and the Lloyd Nev-

ille residence, formerly the Eden Mills Hotel.

Marshall's Store is a three-story stone building built in 1873 by Samuel Meadows who was postmaster at that time. The building has been a store and post office since. The present owner and postmaster, N. S. Marshall, is a descendant of early pioneers of the area. His grandmother, Margaret Ramsay, born in 1824, was the first white baby born in Eramosa township.

The Neville residence was built in 1867 as the Eden Mills Hotel. It was a 12-room structure with a ballroom on the second floor. Typical of similar establishments of the day, the hotel sold wines and liquors. The trap door - covered chute on the verandah for loading these necessities in the basement still exists. The building has been altered considerably in late years when it was converted to a residence.

Have Lighted Ball Park
Always a progressive municipality, village folk have been active through the years. Among the village's many attractions are a floodlit ball park and the mill pond which provides excellent swimming facilities. The village itself is divided geographically. Of its total area, 300 acres lie in Eramosa township and 200 in Nassagaweya. The main street curves down the slopes on each side of the river, and is bordered by stone houses consider-

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Due to its location on the line between Wellington and Halton counties, local residents felt its best future lay in becoming a police village. The untiring efforts of N. S. Marshall and Duncan MacDougall brought this about in 1930.

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