

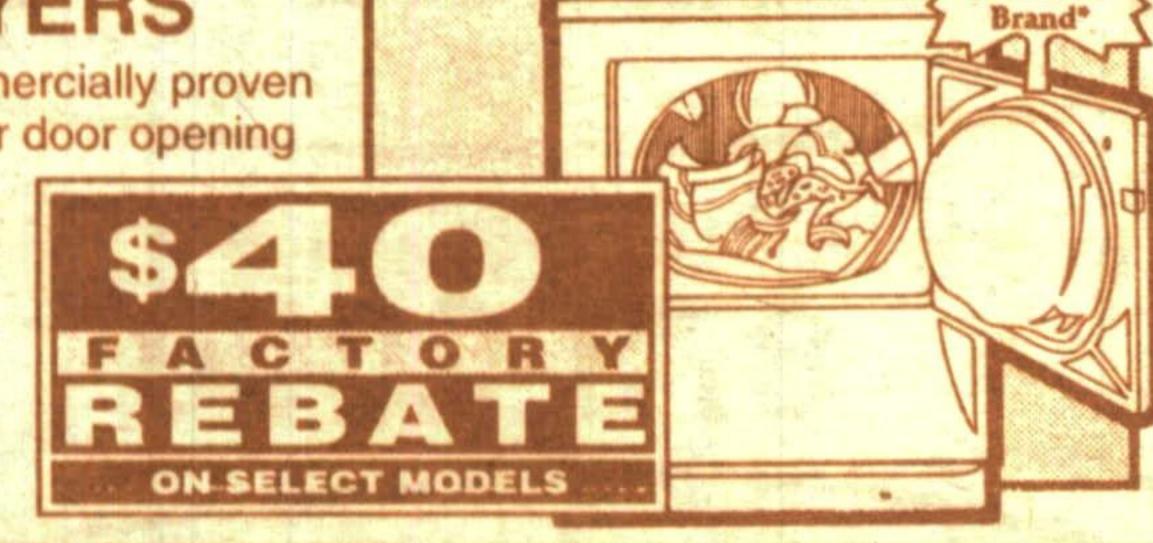
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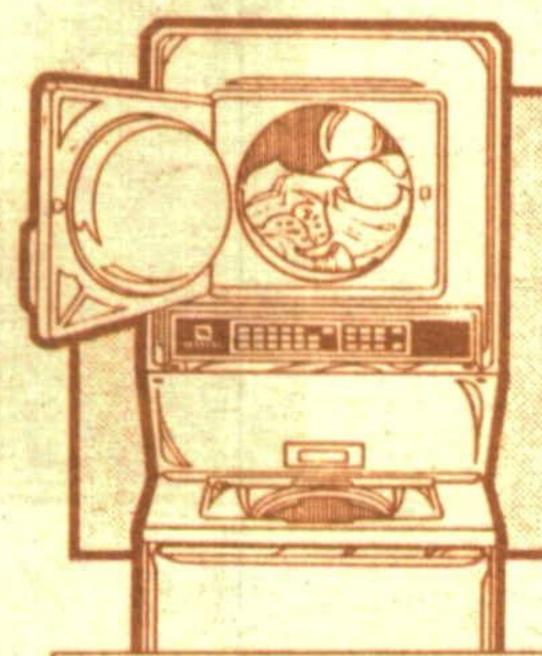


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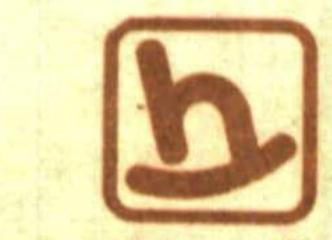




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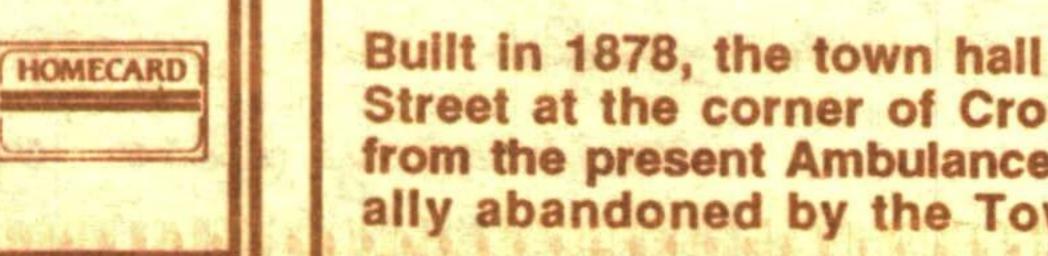
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Emily and Angus McDonald pose proudly on their wedding day, August 9, 1899 in Limehouse

# McDonald family of Limehouse was a part of our heritage for a century

By JOHN McDONALD

On Saturday, September 28, 1991, my brother Fred and I helped move our aunt, Mrs. Archie (Doreen) McDonald and family from Limehouse.

This represented something very historic in our family chronicles and perhaps to the social fabric of Limehouse and area.

On this very day, the last descendants of Angus and Emily McDonald left the village of Limehouse after nearly a century.

It would have been in the middle 1890's that young Angus McDonald, a "hewer of wood," arrived in the Acton and Limehouse area from Grey County, probably with a crew of barn builders and eventually fell in love with Emily Scott. Emily (1881-1966) was one of 10 Scott children who spent most of their lives in the area. Her parents, William and Rachael Scott were Equesing Township pioneers.

Angus and Emily were married on her father's farm on August 9, 1899. Her father was William Scott immediately north of Limehouse Canada Lime Works.

Presbyterian Church on the Sixth Line. According to The Acton Free Press, "The marriage took place on the lawns under a beautiful arch and in the presence of a large number of relatives. The bride was attired in a steel grey dress and looked charming and the bridegroom looked the picture of happiness."

The newlyweds made their first home in Acton. By 1899, Angus was an employee at Beardmore's Tannery and they later moved to Blue Springs. Except for a very few years, the McDonalds worked and raised their family in or near Limehouse.

It was on June 5, 1925 that Angus purchased the farm known as Lot 24, Concession 4 in Esquesing Township. This location was on the Grand Trunk railway line (later known as the Canadian National) immediately next to a section of the Niagara Escarpment. The site had been used for quarrying and lime works since 1872 and was known as Dolly Varden. Angus worked the (1847-1923), who owned the farm farm there and was an employee of

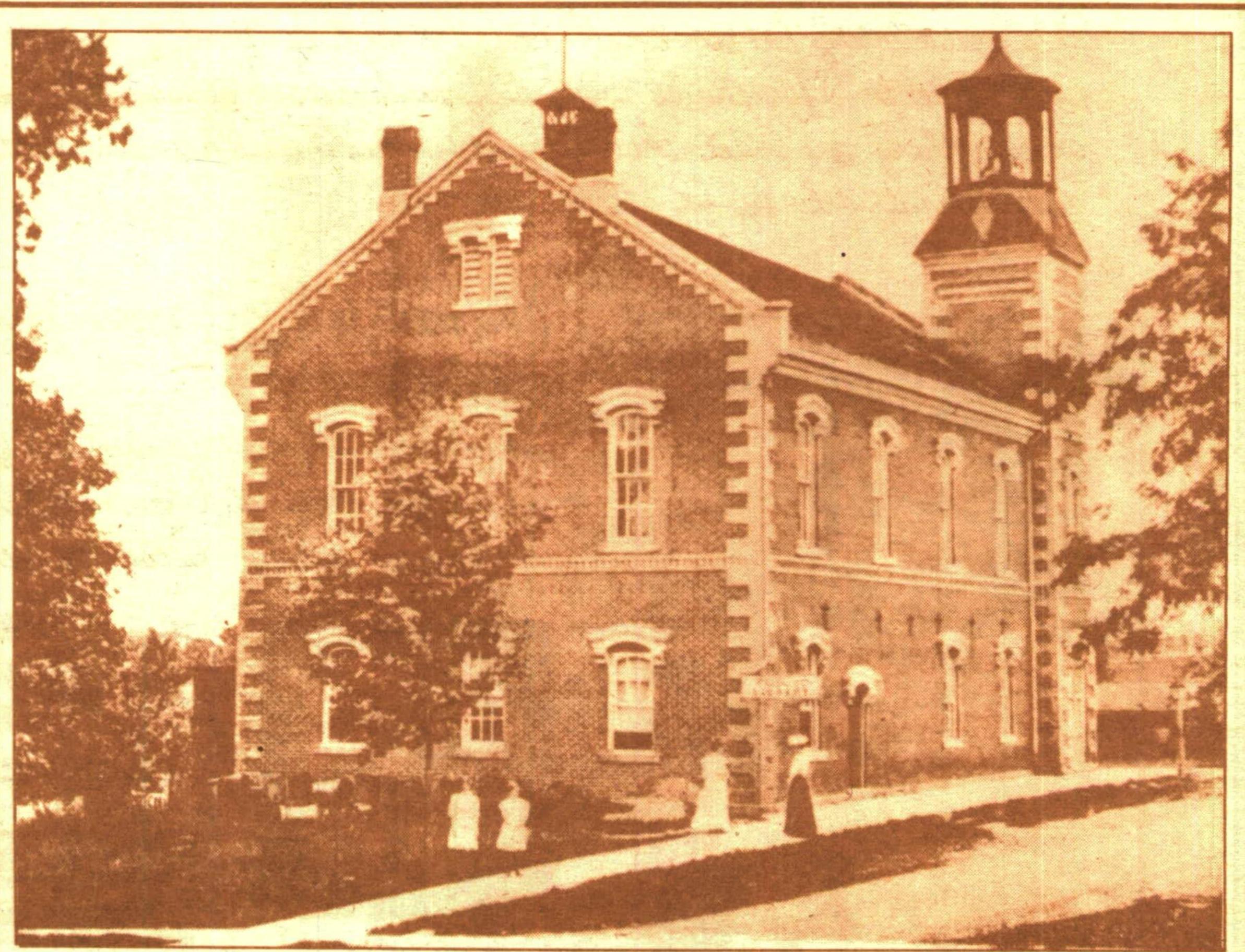
Angus and Emily had 11 children: John William (1900-1958), Ronald Alexander (1903-1967), Christina Pearl (1905-1985), Angus Joseph (1907-1965), Arthur Kenneth (1909-1977), Margaret May (1911-1981), John Russell (1913-1967), Archibald Robert (1915-1987), Hector Scott (1917-1938), Clifford Daniel (born in 1919 and lives in Georgetown) and Norman Hugh (born in 1923 and lives in Huntsville).

Each child, and many of their descendants, lived and worked in either Limehouse or neighboring Dolly Varden at some point in their life. All would have attended Gibraltar School (the old Limehouse School on the Fifth Line, south of the village.)

Angus, who was born in Glenleg Township, Grey County, in 1869 died at Guelph in 1934.

The Berlin Wall has come done. The Americans and Soviets are sorting out their differences. The last of the McDonalds move out of Limehouse. It is a changing world.

I hope this will inspire others to submit some letters/articles about their ancestors.



## Georgetown Town Hall

Built in 1878, the town hall stood on Guelph Street at the corner of Cross Street (across from the present Ambulance Building). Gradually abandoned by the Town after the new

municipal building was built on Main Street in 1948, the old town hall was destroyed by fire in