

(FORFAR)

The first settler, Richard Hales was born in 1802 in Ireland. He immigrated to Forfar when he was a very young man. The government issued him a deed of land on Lot 26, 4th Concession of Bastard, where he built a log house. In 1835 he married Eliza Graham who was also born in Ireland in 1807. The Grahams lived about two miles from present Forfar.

Lot 26 was at the intersection of the two roads, one leading from Brockville to Newboro, to meet the newly constructed Rideau Canal. The other running from Kingston to Perth. This corner naturally became known as Hales Corners. Richard worked the land with oxen and began to grow crops, mainly wheat. Since the land was new, it worked very easily. They would break the land by dragging an ash tree over it, then scatter the seed by hand and then drag the tree over again.

Around the turn of the 19th century, the Loyalists brought cattle over with them from the United States to areas around the St. Lawrence River. Gradually as the settlers penetrated inland, so did the cattle. The cow was important as a means of livelihood.

In 1840 Richard Hales built the house which is presently occupied by Herb Hutchings. It is the oldest house in the area still occupied.

Richard and Eliza Hales had six children; Eliza Jane, Mary Anne, James, Charlotte, Charles Theophilus and Henrietta. Theophilus and Henrietta were the youngest and they both inherited the land. They lived there until

their deaths. Henrietta died in 1925, she was 73 years old. Theophilus died suddenly the day after Henrietta at the age of 77.

Charlotte, who was their sister, married Ransome Young. His father was Myles Young, and his grandfather was William Young who arrived at Brockville about the same as the Hales. The Youngs were from Wexford County Ireland and Myles was one of fifteen children, some of whom died of Immigrant Fever. Myles' father William died in Elgin in 1826.

Charlotte and Ransome lived where Jim Barker presently lives. They had seven children but in 1882 they moved to the United States leaving one of their sons Richard with Theophilus. When Richard was 20, he followed his family to the U.S.

Henrietta and Theophilus were very respected citizens, staunch conservatives and Methodists. Henrietta boarded the school teacher and fed the preacher every Sunday when he came to Forfar. Henrietta was a well appreciated lady. She not only fed the preacher, and boarded the school teacher but acted as a midwife.

The old house in which the Hales lived was called the Sleepy Hollow. It seems to have been a very happy home from the very first, except when tragedy struck with the death of the baby son James and two daughters in their twenties.

Richard Hales had three brothers, one was named Charles.

He lived in Kingston where he was a merchant importer. He built a beautiful mansion for his family. The mansion still exists and is now preserved as the national site as the home of the first prime minister, Sir John A. MacDonald. Charles Hales came upon hard times and was forced to rent the house and finally to sell it. The home is now called Bellevue House.

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CENTRAL SOFT BALL LEAGUE

The finals are now under way in the softball, with Westport and Crosby playing off for the Rothwell and Perrin Trophy.

In the quarterly-finals Chantry won out over California

3 games - 0 games

and Crosby won out over Newboro

3 games - 0 games.

In the semi-finals Westport beat Chantry

3 games - 1 game.

The League voted an All-Star Team who will receive medaillons. League trophies will also go to the Most "Valuable" Player and the Most "Sportsman" Player.

catcher - Rick Merkley -
Westport

pitcher - Tom Bevens -
California

first base - John Malville -
Westport

second base - Doug Baker -
Crosby

short stop - Bill Seed -
Newboro

third base - Ray Adams -
Newboro

right field - Bobby Welch -
Crosby

center field - Bill Woods -
Sweet Corners

left field - Nelson Colford -
Westport

coach - Louis Burtch -
Newboro

Most valuable player -
Tom Bevens, California

Most Sportsman player -
Ken Bryere, Newboro

The baseball Season will close this year with the League Champions and the All-Star team having an Exhibition Game in Westport, on Sunday Sept. 4, at 2 p.m. 50 cts. Admission will be charged, proceeds to go to the Westport rink. Trophies and Medaillons will be presented at this time.