# THE ROBINSON SETTING OWNEYVILLE



**Peter Robinson** 1785 - 1838

## **Upcoming: Peter Robinson Events**

- Outdoor fun for children **Downeyville Hall** Sunday, Feb 9th 1 - 4 p.m.
- St. Patrick's Concert March 14 & 15, 2025. 7 p.m.

For more information on upcoming events, follow us on Facebook, email us and/or watch for our posters

# **Downeyville Hall Upcoming Events**

- · Trivia Night Jan 31 7pm
- · Community Cafe Feb 2
- Progressive Euchre-Feb 7 7pm
- · Outdoor Fun Day for Children -Sunday Feb 9 - 1 - 4 pm
- · Bake Table Bingo Feb 28 7 pm
- · Community Cafe Mar 2
- Progressive Euchre Mar 7 7pm
- · St. Patrick's Day Concert March 14 and 15 - 7 p.m.

More info - Downeyville Hall on Facebook

If you're interested in erforming at the St. Patrick's Concert in Downeyville, **Call Bob Carroll** at 705-344-1305

# THE DOWNEYVILLE TIMES

# Emigration to CANADA.

MEMORANDUM of the terms on which the Government has agreed to convey a limited number of Settlers from Ireland to Upper-Canada, under the superintendance of Mr. Robinson and to locate them upon lands in that Province; and also of the conditions upon which lands shall be granted.

Such Emigrants as the Superintendant shall accept, shall be conveyed from the place of embarkation in Ireland, to their lands in Upper-Canada, wholly at the public charge, and provisions shall be furnished them during their voyage, and for one whole year after their location upon their respective lots.

Such Farming Utensils as are absolutely necessary to a new Settler shall also be found for each head of a Family, or person receiving a grant of Land.

No Person above the Age of 45 Years shall be conveyed to Upper-Canada, at the Public Expence, unless under particular circumstances, in the discretion of the Superintendent, and no person above that age shall receive a grant of Land on his arrival in the Colony,

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So soon as the settlement duties shall have been performed the purry may obtain his Patent on paying the expense of preparing the same, which it is supposed will not exceed £2 10s. Sterling on each gram.

Each tract of 70 Acres as granted shall be subject to the payment of an Annual quit Rent to the Crown of two period per acre to be paid half Yearly in such manner, and subject to such penalties and forfeitures, in the core of failure, as shall be expressed in the Patent, and the same quit Rent shall be charged also upon the grants of 30 Acres. It shall however in every case be in the option of the Proprietie to redeem the quit Rent at any time on paying of Twesty Years purchase and with respect to the original location of Seventy Acres, an quit Rent shall be chargeable until a Years have expired from the time of the location.

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**Molly Malone** Statue, Dublin, Ireland

## EDITOR'S NOTE FROM THE DESK OF **MOLLIE MALONE, 1825**

Imbolc (or Imbolg) is a Gaelic traditional festival beginning February 1 and ending sundown February 2nd and is halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Imbolc is one of four Gaelic seasonal festivals, along with Beltane, Lughnasadh and Samhain.

Ireland it marks the beginning of spring, and for Christians, also called Saint Brigid's Day (in Irish language, Lá Fhéile Bríde), it is the feast day of Saint Brigid, Ireland's patroness saint.

It's February 1825 in Ireland. Imbolc is a time of new beginnings and growth; and for the poor Irish citizens who hope to be selected to go to Upper Canada with the 1825 Peter Robinson **Emigration.** certainly is a time of new beginnings.

**Everyone is Welcome - A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!** Céad Míle Fáilte!









#### PICK UP YOUR PASSPORT FROM PETER ROBINSON

Meet Peter Robinson who led Nine Ships from Ireland to Conada. Get your passport for one of the ships to go back in time to Winter 1825 in Downeyville.

#### ANIMAL TRACKING & SNOWSHOEING

Identify animal tracks & learn about pioneer hunting for food, fur and more.

#### PIONEER GAMES

See how pioneers made their own fun with 19th Century games

#### HISTORICAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Find pioneer items to help you survive the winter in 1825

#### STORY TELLING BY THE FIRE

Hot chocolate, stories, and make your own maple taffy

#### ROAD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Sign up in advance to play a little road hockey! Text: Garth @ 705-328-5931

Come out to support the 7th & 8th generation organizers - 18 yr old Peter Robinson Immigration descendants (& friends) who traveled on these

From the Regulus: Clark, Lucas, Ryan, Simon, Nicholas From the Fortitude: Cooper

From the Amity: Crowford: and Thomas.





Many thanks to Emma Scully of Boujta Clothing and Co for the generous sponsorship of hot chocolate & goodies



# THE great DOWNEYVILL IRISH CHALLENGE

The Challenge: To find the most Irish person in the GDA. (Greater Downeyville Area)

This is your chance to prove you're the most IRISH of them all! How? This challenge is open to your interpretation and imagination, BUT .... you must provide proof.

open to all in Downeyville & GDA

open to everyone regardless of age, sex or nationality.

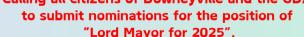
The winner will be judged by a panel of their peers.

The winner will be proclaimed the 'Lord Mayor' of Downeyville & GDA for 2025.

The lucky winner will be presented with an Irish hat and a shillelagh and will be expected to cut ribbons and appear at certain functions in the bi-centennial year.

Come on ..... show us your IRISH!!

Calling all citizens of Downeyville and the GDA to submit nominations for the position of "Lord Mayor for 2025".



- Who is eligible? You are! Open to all in Downeyville & GDA
- Who can submit a nomination? You can.... either for yourself or for someone you know and as many as you like.
- How can I submit a nomination? Easy .... email downeyvillesettlers@gmail.com or call Leann at 705-344-5232
- Provide proof? Sure, and couldn't it be a 'twinkle' in at least one eye, or could convincingly fake an Irish accent. Use your imagination! Come up with 3 reasons for each nomination.
- Candidates must accept the nomination in order to be considered.
- The 'Lord Mayor' will be proclaimed at the Homecoming and Jamboree in Downeyville, on August 3rd, 2025.



# Was a great success!!

As the saying goes:

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game!

THANKS to everyone involved, from the players, coaches, organizers, and all the folks who came out to cheer for their team. Special thanks to, "Jessie's Tap & Grill, Ennismore", for sponsoring the ice time.

## A RIT OF RLARNEY

Waitress- "Can I bring you drinks to start?"

"Well, I wonder, Is it too early for a pint?" Paddy-

"It is indeed!" Wife-

Paddv-"Well, do you serve half pints?" Waitress- "We do sir, can I get you one?"

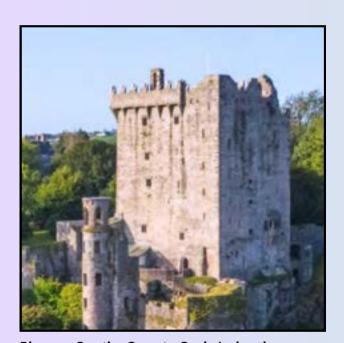
"Yes, I believe I'll have two half pints and Paddv-

can you put them in one glass please?"









Blarney Castle, County Cork, Ireland

### FABLE OF THE BLARNEY STONE

Hear Ye, Hear ye, Hear ye, all the town criers bellowed as they circulated about the Irish countryside and towns.

A decree has been written that all Irish peoples are to assemble at the Blarney Castle on March 17, 1494 and to bring all your lucky charms and spell breaking devices with

"For our beloved Princess Blarney has been stricken with a cursed spell of the Banshee of Genachst. This decree has been put into law by the Prince of Blarney, and all who do not obey it will suffer the same afflictions as the Princess" Signed by the Prince of Blarney.

So on March 17, 1494 the people started gathering at Blarney Castle with all of their potions, lotions, charms and some even brought their Leprechauns. But nothing seemed to work as the Princess of Blarney's lips remained tightly sealed, and she could not speak or explain her spell binding tales of days gone by.

But lo and behold, as the last of the potions were tried, a thunderous and ground shaking rumble could be heard and felt crossing over Blamey Hill. For it was a huge cart carrying an enormous blue and grey piece of granite. The cart was pulled by a dozen oxen and led by a pair of huge Irish lads by the names of Pat and Mike.

As the cart reached Blarney Castle a crowd of curious onlookers had gathered around the stone. When the Prince and Princess arrived at the scene, Pat and Mike explained that the stone came from the mountain Mourne and whomever kissed the stone would be cured of the curse and have the gift of story telling bestowed on them.

So the Princess kissed the stone and was immediately cured of her curse. After she was gifted with the art of story telling and full of Blamey.

When the Prince of Blarney saw what had happened he purchased the stone from Pat and Mike and gave all the Irish people a piece of the stone, so they too could ward off the Banshee and be bestowed with the gift of Blamey.

The remainder of the stone was placed high up in the belfrys of Blarney Castle for all the people of Irish descent and for whomever else to come and kiss the stone to ward off Banshees.

And this is the story of how the Blamey stone came to be, and cross my heart and point to heaven that as a true Irishman I do not tell any Blarney or have any skeletons in the closet.

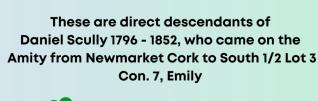
Robert J. Hennessey

Submitted by: Eileen (Winn) Hennessey, a direct descendant of Richard and Elizabeth Wynne who came on the Brunswick from Mallow, Cork, 1825

# **Downeyville Calendar - February 2025**









# **Downeyville, An Irish Time Capsule**

In 1825 Peter Robinson took a small scoop out of the Irish countryside and buried it deep in the Canadian wilderness where it remained unchanged and unaffected by outside influences for nearly 100 years. These humble Irish Immigrants worked their plots of land and carried on the traditions, religion and culture, "the old ways" that they brought with them from Ireland and passed down to their children. Isolated as they were, they probably remained more Irish than the people they left behind in a turbulent and changing Ireland.

Over the next 100 years, no doubt, the modern world found it's way even to Downeyville. It is likely that each subsequent generation became a little less Irish and a little more Canadian. However, judging by the poster for the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first inhabitants, it seemed the events listed are very similar to the events we have planned for the 200th anniversary. Could it be that some remnants of that time capsule are still alive and well and living right here in Downeyville?

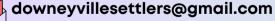


The potato was introduced into Ireland by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1589. It was a good fit for Ireland's climate, soil and conditions. It was easily cultivated and produced high yields on small plots of poor soil. It became a staple food for the poor, especially in winter.





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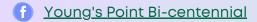


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# A Poster from 1925

THE HEART OF EMILY

# Downeyville's Flome Coming

Hundredth Anniversary of Arrival of First Inhabitants

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Dear Friend:

The members of St. Luke's Parish, Downeyville, Ont., intend celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers in the parish. The dates of this celebration are July 14th., 15th., and 16th., 1925. On the evening of the first day at 8 o'clock a general reception will be held in the parish hall. At this reception local talent will provide musical and entertaining numbers. The second day will be taken up chiefly with a Garden Party, at which there will be another general reunion. On the evening of the third day, a play will be put on by members of the local Dramatic Club. Other details of the programme will be published later.

We are planning to make these three days as pleasant as possible for visitors, and we trust that we shall have the privilege of entertaining you and your friends. We extend a cordial invitation to you.

Kindly keep the dates in mind, July 14th., 16th., and 16th. We shall expect you.

Sincerely Yours,

JOHN C. O'LEARY, Chairman. THOMAS LUCAS,

Secretary.

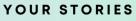
A poster which circulated in Downeyville in 1925.

Copied from Mary Milloy Harrington's book "The Heart of Emily" as requested by Dorothy Carroll and with permission from Mary Catherine Jilesen, granddaughter of the Heart of Emily author



See our future newsletters for articles on such things as Settler's News, Poet's & Writers, Irish Myths, & Legends, Downeyville & area History, a bit of Blarney to be sure and much more!







We would love to receive any relevant stories, quotes or poems to publish in future newsletters. Please keep them short as space is limited.

If you have anything to share, please send your submission to ....

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