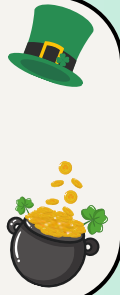




# THE DOWNEYVILLE TIMES



Peter Robinson  
1785 - 1838

**Happy  
St. Patrick's Day**



Molly Malone  
Statue, Dublin, Ireland

**Upcoming  
Downeyville  
Peter Robinson Events**

- **\*St. Patrick's Concert**  
March 14 - 7 pm
- **\*St. Patrick's Concert & Dance** March 15 - 7 pm
- **\*Call Bob Carroll for Tickets @ 705-344-1305**
- **Maple Syrup 'Sap Social'**  
**more information once 'the sap starts running'**
- **Family Movie Night**  
April 10, 2025 6 p.m.



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

**Downeyville Hall  
Upcoming Events**

- Community Cafe - Mar 2
- Progressive Euchre - Mar 7 - 7pm
- St. Patrick's Concert - March 14 - 7pm
- St Patrick's Concert & Dance March 15 - 7 pm
- Musical Bingo - March 21 - 7 pm
- Progressive Euchre - Apr 4 - 7 pm
- Pub Night - Apr 5
- Community Cafe - Apr 6
- Hockey game viewing (Leafs vs Montreal) - Apr 12

More info  
Downeyville Hall on Facebook



**Statue of St. Patrick at Croagh Patrick,  
County Mayo, Ireland**

Croagh Patrick is considered the holiest mountain in Ireland, holding significant religious importance as a pilgrimage site where people traditionally climb to the summit on the last Sunday of July, known as "Reek Sunday", to honour Saint Patrick who is said to have fasted there for 40 days.

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

St. Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century AD. March 17th was established as a Feast Day honouring St. Patrick in 1631.

**Volunteers  
needed**

For the Homecoming & Jamboree  
August 3, 2025

Many hands  
make light work!

Call Mary Connell  
@ 705-793-2013

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



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DOWNEYVILLE HALL

# St. Patrick's Concert

MARCH 14 & 15, 2025

7 PM



**FRIDAY CONCERT ONLY**  
TICKETS \$10  
TEXT OR CALL BOB CARROLL  
@ 705-344-1305 FOR TICKETS

**SATURDAY CONCERT & DANCE FEATURING 'SECOND FIDDLE' COUNTRY MUSIC CASH BAR**




# MAPLE SYRUP 'SAP SOCIAL'



**Drop In 'Sap Social' Coming Soon!!**  
Watch for details!

'SEE HOW MAPLE SYRUP IS MADE 200 YEARS LATER'

SHAMROCK RD  
OMEMEE, ONTARIO

## The February Winter Pioneer Play Day

Happy to report that the Winter Pioneer Play day was a success. The weather was perfect, there was a ton of snow, the treats were delicious and our hearts were full. Highlights were the Dad vs kids Tug of War, snowshoeing, and the Beaver Tails (cooked on the spot). The hunting station was also a hit, with us procuring a variety of stuffed animal carcasses, including a deer head, squirrel fur, and a full-sized, real fox! The teens did a great job of teaching the kids about hunting, and even invented a quiz for the kids as they visited the station. Other activities included a Pioneer Scavenger Hunt, Log Pulling Competition and an Obstacle Course.

Helen Scott

**100 + Pioneer Passports Handed Out**

A great group of volunteers, the majority of them teenagers, were instrumental in making the day a wonderful fun learning experience for the younger crowd. It's nice to see the young people carrying on the tradition of community spirit that Downeyville is noted for.

**KUDOS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!**

## THE GREAT DOWNEYVILLE IRISH CHALLENGE!

In true Downeyville community spirit Darryl Cook has created a gorgeous handmade shillelagh which he has generously donated to be presented to the newly proclaimed 'Lord Mayor of Downeyville & GDA for 2025'.

**GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN!**




Thanks Darryl!



## Downeyville Calendar - March 2025

Duane Shyne is a direct descendant of Daniel Shyne 1779-1854, who came on the Brunswick from Mallow, Cork to Lot 3 Con. 3 Smith Township then to the East 1/2 Lot 1 Con. 9 Emily Twp






# YOUR STORIES



## Letter from 1827



**Letter dated October 8, 1827 and published in the Cork Constitution**

Direct from a Peter Robinson Settler, John Callaghan Emily Township to his neighbour back in Ireland.

Sir.--I take the liberty of communicating these few lines to your honor, hoping they will find you and sister in perfect health, and also P--- D---, Esq. [Parker Dunscombe] and family, which leave us at present in health, thank God for it; and are also in a prosperous way of doing well for my family. I have got 200 acres of most excellent land, needs no manure these many years to come, and 60lbs. of wheat is sufficient seed for an acre, and all other seed in proportion. We sow wheat in both potato and fallow ground in the month of September, and the wheat we sow in April is nearly ripe as soon, but not so productive but better quality flour; as for potatoes there is no bounds to their produce, for on four cuts there is generally a weight of 32lbs; the pumpkins and melons grow any where the seed is set, which is obliged to be reared very tender in your country. As for clearing the land, a man will fall, cut in 12 feet loggs, make in heaps, and burn one acre in six weeks. I have at present cleared better than 20 acres, on which at present I have 12 acres in fall wheat, and expects to have six more as soon as I have the potatoes cleared off. The Indian corn is a good crop in this country, there is about 50 bushels per acre of 60lbs. to each bushel. We hear it reported before we left Ireland, that any letter sent from this by emigrants to their friends, would be carefully examined, fearing bad accounts; it's all false, for there cannot be a bad one sent by any person, except a scheming idle drunkard, who is not inclined to industry. I would be very happy that honest industrious men, who are idling for want of employment, would be here, for the good of themselves, and more so for their growing family, as it's here they could make a property, without rent, rates, or taxes, but enjoy at their table the sweets of their labour. The labourer gets from 15 to 16 dollars a month, with the best of diet, on the same table with the employer. There are plenty different quality of teas growing spontaneously in the woods, and can make plenty sugar from the maple tree; the sap runs from the first March and continues until the middle of April.

My family made last season better than 500lb. weight of sugar, two casks of molasses and a barrel of vinegar, all the produce of the maple.

I expect your honor will take the trouble of communicating this letter to my son Cornelius, who remained behind me when we emigrated, by means of bad advisers, which if he can muster as much as will bring him to come next season, with the first vessel from thence to Kingston, from that to Smith's Creek [Port Hope], where he will be within one day's journey of my place, and to inquire there for Mr. Smart, store-keeper, who is a co-partner to John Lester, Esq., and his waggon come from thence twice a week, where he can have the opportunity of getting his baggage brought within ten miles of me, and leave it there until sent for. If he has no means of paying his passage, let him write as soon as possible, that his brother may send him money that would enable him to come, and if possible let him get the letter franked by Sir N. Colthurst, or C.H. Hutchinson, if in Cork. No more at present, from your well-wisher and former neighbour at Mackey's Cross.

John Callaghan.

Direct to me, at Emily, 5th Lott, 5th Concession, in the County of Durham, and district of New Castle, Upper Canada, North America.

To William Waggett, Esq., Recorder of the City of Cork, Ireland.

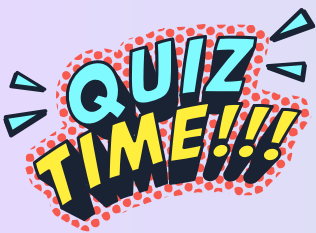
Submitted by Marnie & Steve Callaghan.

Steve is a direct descendant of John and Norah Callaghan who sailed on the John Barry in 1825.

We are indebted to Mary Callaghan, also a direct descendant of John and Norah Callaghan, for finding this amazing piece of history from her family's past.

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**Do you have some memorabilia that you would like to share with us?**



# Poet's & Writer's Corner

## Rosary Time



- 1: In what year did the first Downeyville Irish Concert take place?
- 2: When was the first Parish rectory built?
- 3: When was St. Luke's Hall built?
- 4: Who was the first parish priest in Downeyville?
- 5: Which was built first: the original parish rectory or the current St. Luke's Catholic Church?
- 6: How many families have a Downeyville and Douro connection? 🤔
- 7: In what year was the first Mass said at St. Luke's Catholic Church and who was the priest?
- 8: In what year was the new St. Luke's Catholic Church built?
- 9: When was the current rectory built?
- 10: From whom did the diocese purchase the Church property and in what year?

At the fall of the night in Ireland when spring in the land is fair,  
 At the fall of the night in Ireland when passionate June is there.  
 When woods are ruddy in autumn or hoary with winter's rime,  
 At the fall of the night in Ireland  
 'tis Rosary time.

With book and beads in her fingers the mother goes to her place  
 The holy candle beside her, the peace of God in her face,  
 And out of their chosen corners the voices of children chime  
 At the fall of the night in Ireland,  
 at Rosary time.

Outside the song of the robin is hushed in his sheltered nest,  
 The wind with a rainy sweetness is sighing itself to rest,  
 The world with her old time longing swings low to a minor rhyme  
 At the fall of the night in Ireland,  
 at Rosary time.

Oh, many a dream of beauty shines up from the lowest sod  
 And many a golden duty binds men to the feet of God,  
 But the sorest passion of living is stilled to a chord sublime  
 At the fall of the night in Ireland,  
 at Rosary time.

Submitted by: Lorraine Moher, "A Douro and Downeyville relation. Have fun figuring it out."

Lorraine is a descendant of Richard and Elizabeth Wynne and Patrick and Catherine Mulloy (Milloy). Like many of us, she's probably related to most of the people in Downeyville and Douro.



A handwritten copy of this poem was submitted by Eileen Hennessey who found it in her mother's, (Mary Towns Winn) scrapbook. From "Songs of the Dawn" by Teresa Brayton, published 1913

Look for the answers to the quiz in next month's newsletter

**Buttermilk**



Buttermilk is a thin, cloudy, slightly tart but buttery tasting liquid that's left after cream is churned to make butter. In 19th century Ireland it was often thrown out or fed to pigs. However, while the cream and butter were destined for Anglo Irish tables in the big houses, Irish peasants found that buttermilk was a cheap but nutritious source of sustenance.

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### YOUR STORIES



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

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 or call Leann @ 705-344-5232

**Everyone is welcome!**



**Happy St Patrick's Day!!**