



THE DOWNEYVILLE TIMES



Peter Robinson
1785 - 1838

Upcoming:

Peter Robinson Events

- DOWNEYVILLE JAMBOREE
Sunday, August 3, 2025
A day filled with Friendship,
Family, History, Fun & Music
Everyone is Welcome
- Baseball Sat 3 - 7 pm
and Sun 9 am - 6 pm
- Commemoration Mass
Pioneer Cemetery Sun-10 am
- Annual Decoration Day
- Historical Room - 1 pm - 6 pm
- Jamboree - 1 pm - close

- IRISH TEA at the Rectory
Sept 14 - tickets on sale now

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

Downeyville Hall Upcoming Events

- Progressive Euchre - Sept 5 - 7pm
- Community Cafe - Sept 7

More info - Downeyville Hall
on Facebook

Peter Robinson Settlers 1825 - 'The Play' now available on YouTube



The cast and crew of 'The Play'.

James McGuire, Craig Follett, Dan Carroll, Ferg Morrissey, Chris Herlihey, Tom Lucas, Brent Buckley, Dorothy Carroll, Leann O'Connell, Barb Morrissey, Colleen Ray, Hannah Brouwer, Joan Dafoe, Mary Winn, Uma Brouwer, Effie Brouwer (hiding), Ellie Ray, Bridget Winn, Emmett Winn, Luke Winn and Jordie Winn

Not shown here are: Robert Curtin, lighting, Bob Carroll, sound, Grant Dafoe, backstage, and Paul McGuire, video - McGuire Media

If you missed 'The Play' or would like to see it again, it's now available on Downeyville Settlers YouTube channel for your enjoyment. This original play was written and performed in May 2025 by our amazing cast and crew in honour of the 200th Anniversary of the Peter Robinson Immigration.

**Thank you to everyone involved for their hard
work and dedication.**



Molly Malone
Statue, Dublin, Ireland

EDITOR'S NOTE FROM THE DESK OF MOLLY MALONE, 1825

Very little information is coming from Upper Canada, but we know most of our families and friends have survived the gruelling heat of Kingston and are making their way to Rice Lake. We are grieving for the ones who didn't make it.

Meanwhile, in Ireland we are still forging ahead politically.

The Catholic Association founded by Daniel O'Connell is gathering support for Catholic emancipation and other reforms. The Catholic Association is part of a wider movement for electoral, tenant rights, and economic development reforms in Ireland. O'Connell's activities are laying the groundwork for an important goal ... The passage of the Catholic Emancipation Act.

Fortitude



Resolution



Brunswick



Albion



Star



Amity



Regulus



Elizabeth



John Barry

Everyone is Welcome - A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Céad Míle Fáilte!



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Downeyville Jamboree 2025

340 St Luke's Road, Downeyville, Ontario K9V 4R5

AUGUST 3, 2025**200th Anniversary of the Peter Robinson Immigration
1825 - 2025**

- **Baseball Tournament**
Saturday 3 pm - 7 pm +
Sunday 9 am - 6 pm
- **Mass Commemorating Pioneer Settlers
Pioneer Cemetery 10 am**
West of St Luke's Church **bring a lawnchair
- **Downeyville Jamboree - 1 pm**
- **Fun for children**
Face Painting + Emily Fire Dept Visit + More
- **Talented local vendors**
- **BBQ**
- **Refreshments available**
- **Open Mic Entertainment - 1 pm to 4pm**
- **Featured Entertainment - 4pm to close**
- "Donations welcomed at the gate
Proceeds to the Hall Renovation Fund"
- Please bring a lawnchair if possible
- Please be mindful of children and
the horse & buggy drivers on the roads

- **Welcome Booth**
- **Ribbon cutting - 1 pm**
Open today's Historical Room by
The Lord Mayor of the Greater Downeyville
Area 2025, Eileen Hennessey Ni Winn
- **Historical Room 1 pm - 6 pm**
 - Over 50 Family Histories + Information
 - Local Historians for questions
 - Embarkment documents
 - GIS Mapping with photos + land records
- **Display of local Antiques**
- **Local family written books on display**
- **Books for sale, authors on hand**
Proud descendants of Robinson Settlers
- **Art**
Downeyville Robinson Settler descendant
- **Videos**
- **Local Dignitaries**

Hosted by:
Knights of Columbus
proudly supporting the
**Bi-Centennial Commemoration of the
Peter Robinson Settlers 1825 - 2025**

**Emigration to
CANADA.**

MEMORANDUM of the terms on which
a Government has agreed to convey a limited number
of sections from Ireland to Upper Canada, under the
superintendence of Mr. Robinson and to locate the
sons of the Irish immigrants, and also of the conditions
upon which lands shall be granted.

Such Emigrants at the Stourhead

****Parking for Mass available at 230 St Luke's Road, Downeyville**

The new Lord Mayor of Downeyville and the GDA,
Eileen Hennessey, has been sworn in by our
grand official, Helen Carroll and
will be on hand at the Jamboree to greet folks.

Please behave yourself because it's a
fine big shillelagh she'll be carrying.



UPCOMING - August 3, 2025

This year's Downeyville Knights of Columbus Jamboree will be combined with the Peter Robinson Homecoming Historical Room for a grand celebration. So, whether you're from Downeyville, of Downeyville, or were simply drawn here by the wonderful smells coming from Browers Bake Shop, why don't you 'Come out of charity And dance with me in Downeyville'?

Heritage Day July 19, 2025

A grand day was had by all who attended
Heritage Day in Downeyville.

Beautiful quilts, a Shanty,
a unique Blacksmith shop and the official
swearing in of the Lord Mayor.

See page 4 for more photos

And I will
attend all the parish
meetings, including
the Knights of
Columbus..



WAIT
WHAT???

Helen Carroll & Eileen Hennessey
Having Fun with the Swearing In Ceremony

Dan, David, Stephen,
Mike and Lloyd
O'Connell



Dan, David, Stephen, Mike and Lloyd O'Connell
are direct descendants of
Daniel O'Connell 1785, who came on the
Elizabeth from Freemount, Cork to
East ½ Lot 5, Con 11, Emily



YOUR STORIES



In praise of the local historians

"There's no future in the past, when you're all of 15 years."

When we are young and most of life lies ahead, we tend to look forward rather than back. It's not until much later in life that we come to realize that our life is merely one small chapter in a very large book. Unfortunately, by the time we take an interest in our family's history, most of the people who could have provided all the information we desired, are no longer with us. We are left looking at nameless faces, frozen in time, staring out from the pages of some old family album and wondering who they were.

Thank goodness for local historians like Therese McLaughlin, who have spent countless hours digging through old records and archival documents, piecing together what remains of the histories of those who went before.

Therese (Lucas) McLaughlin – Downeyville Historian

Thank You



Over fifty years ago, Therese McLaughlin started asking questions of a first cousin Mary Clancy about how she was related to various people in the Downeyville community. She then started documenting these relationships as well as information on members of her immediate family for both the Lucas and McLaughlin families. Therese wanted to document this material in order that she could provide her children and grandchildren information on their ancestors. Over time, she started more detailed research using St. Luke's and St. Mary's baptismal, marriage and death records. She partnered with Kevin Perdue (her husband Frank's brother-in-law) and spent many hours reviewing microfilm at the Lindsay Library. Therese was never afraid to ask people to write down their family history and then stay after them until the task was complete. A lot of people (too many to mention) helped her develop this genealogy evidence. She sought the help of her son Larry to assist in the recording of all the gathered information into a genealogy database. She worked very closely with Mary Jane Connell and Marlene Clancy researching and sharing information. She has written two books, "Ireland to Downeyville" (Lucas Family History) and "King's Wharf Settlers" (McLaughlin Family History). Today, Therese as a local historian has a database exceeding 25,000 names and details on well over 50 families from the Downeyville area and reached out to communities such as Ennismore, Douro, Lindsay and Peterborough and corresponded with family members and/or relatives all over Canada and the United States. She has one of the biggest collections of family information in the area and at 96 years of age, she still uses her computer to review this information, and she has not stopped asking people to submit updates to their family material.

Submitted by Larry McLaughlin



Some books written or assisted by local historians like, Simon Connell, Therese McLaughlin, Dan Sullivan, Marguerite O'Connell, Fergus O'Connell, Mary Milloy Harrington and many others.

MORE INFO ⓘ

With regard to last month's article in "Your Stories" and to answer the question, "Where can I get a copy of that book?" Unfortunately, Happy Childhood Memories On The Farm by Louise Guiry Houston, is an unpublished manuscript containing a series of newsletters and has not yet been released to the public. However, our own literary critic, Molly Malone has stated that, Having had the privilege of reading the entire manuscript of "Happy Childhood Memories On The Farm," (several times), I'd say that, besides being a humorous and delightful account of childhood experiences, it is also a treasure trove of historical information about ordinary rural life, in this part of the country, at that point in time, as seen through the eyes of a child.



Molly Malone gives it two thumbs up and hopes it will one day be published as an historical booklet.



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





Some people do the nicest things.

Thank you to Jordie Winn for creating this beautiful wooden plaque for the Downeyville Hall. The inscription on the back reads as follows

thank you!

A Bit of Blarney

Paddy: "I don't think this fitbit is working properly. It tells me that from our house to the pub is about 1000 steps, but then it tells me that from the pub back to our house is nearly 2000 steps."
Paddy's wife: - "The difference is staggering."

thank you!

Downeyville 1825 – 2025

As we mark 200 years of this incredible place, we pause to give thanks to those who came before us – those who crossed oceans and faced hardships with courage and hope. They built more than homes and barns; they built a legacy of faith, resilience, and community.

We are proud to raise our children in the town they carved from the wilderness – with calloused hands and generous hearts. May we live in a way that honours their sacrifices and keeps the spirit of Downeyville alive for the next hundred years and beyond.

With gratitude, pride and hope for the future.

Richard and Maggie Wynne and Children

(aka Jordie and Mary Winn and Children,
Wynne Family actors in 'The Play')

Heritage Day Photos - July 19, 2025



Dan Carroll keeping the tradition alive at his Heritage Blacksmith Shop.
Thank you to Dan and Leah-Ann Carroll



Amazing Quilts in St. Luke's Church
Many thanks to Mary Jo Connell, Hearts & Shamrock members & All the quilters

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Shanty built in Downeyville July 2025,
Thank you to Stephen Connell, Nathan Bonaldo,
Pat & Mary Connell



YOUR STORIES

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