

LAKE COUNTRY MUSEUM—WINTER 2009

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Rare Deer Head

The Lake Country Museum announces the arrival of a very unusual and rare deer head. This deer head is especially interesting and valued because it has a **drop tine**. A drop tine “describes a mature buck that develops an abnormal antler growth late in life. Instead of growing upward, a drop tine will grow down off the rack on one or both sides. This non-typical buck is highly sought after by hunters because they are seen as elusive, rare, and extremely savvy to have survived so long.”

The Deer Head, which is now located in the Anne Land room in Lake Country Museum, was shot sometime during the 1920's. There is a plaque located on this artifact which dis-

plays the name of E.G. Harvey from Kelowna, BC. There are only two collections of E.G. Harvey, one is this unusual deer head and the other is an extensive collection of butterflies, moths, and various insects, both are now located at the Lake Country Museum.

The deer head was received as an inter-museum cooperation between Fintry and Lake Country Museum.

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Old Winfield Cemetery

The beginnings of the old Winfield Cemetery are not well recorded. In fact, the Cemetery's history is very vague and probably unknown and is located on Cemetery Road in Winfield.

The Cemetery is set among the pines and nearby orchards and farms and is approximately one acre in size. The land originally belonged to the Okanagan Valley Land Company. Sam Tyndall bought the land as part of a ten acre package during the 1930's and later sold it to the Winfield Irrigation District. After that, however, there are no records of any transactions to buy or sell the land. Now the Cemetery is under the care of the District of Lake Country Parks & Recreation department.

There are 35 named persons, nine of whom are Japanese., and approximately 10 unmarked graves. The earliest marked grave is that of Joseph Malloy, the doctor for this area, who died in 1908. The second oldest is that of Abe Cody who died in 1912. These two graves are probably not the oldest, the unmarked graves are so far unknown.

Research by Jackie Mitchell



Cemetery Road Cemetery 1908



Joseph Malloy's grave site



There are a few unmarked grave sites like this. Note one site surrounded by stones under the pine trees.

Report from the President

Summer of 2009 went by incredibly quickly here at the Lake Country Museum. We opened our doors to visitors on the Victoria Day weekend and were immediately busy. We were most fortunate in having our students Diane and Nicky back again so it was straight to work with no need for training.

Several groups of elementary students visited to see our displays and have some fun. This was organized by Karen Gibbons and Val Regier who did a great job. The kids learned how to "milk a cow" with the aid of a rubber glove with holes in the fingers, and then to use a churn to turn it into butter. Glen Gibbons was pressed into service to help the kids make "whirly-gigs", or whatever we used to call a button on a string.

We also had our first ever Okanagan Centre Heritage Walks and they were a great success with nearly twenty people out the first night. Our tour guides were Mick and Patti Wentworth and we were fortunate to have Anne Land do a tour and provide some great stories of earlier days.

The Tea Room was a real hit again this year with new contractors Dawn and Vic who not only served up great food and beverages but also made the patio look quite beautiful with flowers and a fountain. Don't miss this next year.

CentrePiece topped off our summer and, as ever, it was a fabulous day. The weather was perfect and Mayor James Baker once again produced mouth-watering hamburgers. We enjoyed the Big Band, Bill Scarrow and friend John helped us relive the sailing history of Captain Short, and the always popular traditional Devonshire Tea was served. Our thanks again to Eleanor Geen, Jim Taylor, Andy Miller and my wife Elaine for organizing a memorable day.

At the end of August it was time to close the doors

again and take a breather before getting

back to work with early plans for an even better season in 2010. There is always much to be done and our volunteers are back at work on Mondays and Wednesdays. There's never enough help and we'd be very grateful to anyone who could spare a few hours a week. Leave a message at the Museum if you want more info: 766-0111 or call me at 766-2372. It would help so much.

Our Board of Directors recently had a work session at the District offices brainstorming ways to improve your museum experience. There are lots of ideas, we just need a few more to help and maybe a little more funding to make it all happen.

I'm delighted to announce several new members of our Board. In the spring we welcomed Dr. David Counts from Oyama, and just recently Dr. Duane Thomson and his wife Carol, also Oyama residents. These appointments greatly strengthen our ability to move the Museum forward. Duane was born here, has a background in History at UBCO, and has some great ideas. Carol has many years of experience with a major Museum and exceptional skills in Web design and other areas that will help us tremendously.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter and we appreciate all the support that we have received from our readers and throughout the community.

Rich Gibbons
President

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Road Report

Trask Road—Oyama

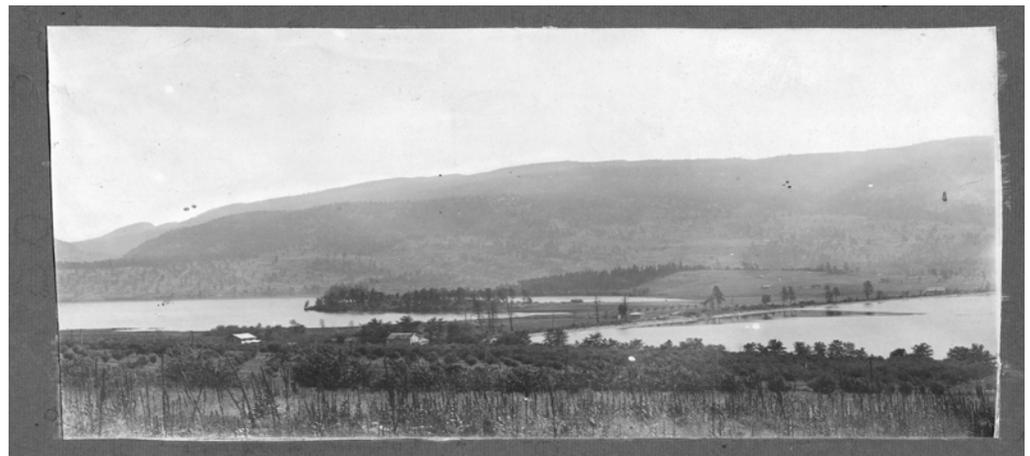
Trask Road is named for Egbert and Annie Trask who traveled west from Nova Scotia in 1886, first settling in Yakima WA, where they ran a sheep farm. After a few years they moved to Wenatchee to try their hand as orchardists. It wasn’t until 1908 that they moved to Canada and set up an orchard in Oyama on the banks of the emerald green shores of Kalamalka Lake. The Trasks bought their land from Samuel Young. The house they built was in an area known as Iris Point, but we know it today as Kaloya Regional Park. The Trask stayed at Iris Point until August 1926 after which they moved to Victoria.

Egbert Trask was instrumental in the start up of the Wood Lake Fruit Lands Co. Ltd. Along with the Wood Lake Canning Co. He was also the Director of Long Lake Irrigation.

Mrs. Trask also left her mark on the area as she was the founder of the Kalamalka Women’s Institute in 1914. A commemorative plaque which pays tribute to Annie Trask for her work with the WI can be seen in Kaloya Regional Park.

The Trasks were also the first residents to have a phone in 1913, then in 1918 the first to have electricity.

..Submitted by Margaret Carruthers



Oyama Isthmus 1912

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