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ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Greetings to All:

Now that spring is well on the way, there is a sense of renewal and excitement amongst all including those on the Salem/Mariposa Church Cemetery Board where we have been working tirelessly for the betterment of all members in 2012/13.

Hopefully, you are noticing the fresh new look of this newsletter which encompasses a review of this past year's activities. Included in those activities are the changes that were required by new provincial legislation. These alterations affect our Certificates, Contracts, and Services and Fees Schedules which will be used by members doing business with the organization. All of these updates were implemented in January 2013. Please check the website for details.

Plans for our annual Decoration Day Service/ Annual General Meeting on the 3rd Sunday in July are progressing nicely. One of the many highlights will be the raising of small Canadian flags over the veterans' gravesites.

According to the rotation schedule of directors, another board member's term of service will expire this year. However, there are special considerations for the renovation focus of the Board. Therefore, David Smeall has agreed to

stand for another term. By special resolution, the Board has

increased the number of Board members by one. This position needs to be filled. Anyone wishing to be nominated should submit their name in writing to the Secretary 14 days before the Annual Meeting. Please submit to: *Everett Davey, 506-2650 Marsdale Dr., Peterborough, ON K9L 1Y2.* Our focus for the upcoming year will be to start the visioning process for the future uses of the church and therefore ideas would be welcome.

The Board will continue the management of the corporation and the restorative work on the church building and cemetery. The ongoing care of the grounds will continue to be handled by our very capable maintenance team.

Once again thank you for your support and we all look forward to seeing you in July at Salem. Please bring along all family, friends, members and memories.

For details relating to our activities please refer to the overleaf.

Kindest regards,
Bruce Davey

Save the Date
**Memorial Decoration Day
Service & Annual General Meeting**
Sunday, July 21, 2013—1:30 p.m.



Annual Report:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY 2012:

The financial statement, prepared by Donna Campbell, was examined and approved by Don and Morag Found.

Revenues	
Earnings, GICs, Trust Funds	\$ 1,002.51
Donations	1,570.00
Fees: Interments	1,675.00
Sale of Interment Rights	700.00
Reversal of Bank Fees	<u>10.00</u>
GICs Matured	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
	\$11,957.51
Expenditures	
Grounds Keeping/Tree Work	\$ 850.00
Professional Fees: Church Steps	1,883.00
Legal Fees	532.07
Financial Fees: 2009 & 2010 Tax Filing	452.00
Insurance	707.40
OACFP Membership Fee	131.36
Memorial Decoration Service	290.00
Interment Costs	1,067.00
In Trust Deposits	300.00
Sundries/Bank Fees	111.00
Printing/Postage	<u>457.17</u>
	\$ 6,781.00
Cash on Hand	\$ 7,086.08
GIC Investments	\$20,500.00

Thank you everyone for your financial support in 2012.

Salem-Mariposa Church Building & Cemetery is registered as a **Charitable Organization** by Canada Revenue Agency. Official receipts for income tax purposes can be issued for donations of \$20 or more. In order to receive a tax receipt, cash or cheque (payable to Salem-Mariposa Cemetery) should be placed in a sealed envelope with your name and postal address printed clearly on it. Envelopes will be made available for donations at the Memorial Decoration Day Service, if needed. Mailed donations should be sent to *Salem-Mariposa Cemetery, c/o Donna Campbell, 221 Salem Road, Manilla ON K0M 2J0.*

Thank you to everyone for the generous financial support. The annual donations increased by over \$500 in 2012 with the availability of the charitable tax receipts.

Salem-Mariposa Church & Cemetery Board is grateful to receive legacy gifts to honour loved ones and estate bequests to preserve the future continuity of this special place.

In Memoriam

Beverley Maude Moore
Barry Wayne Ham
Carol Elizabeth Jacobs
Morris Hughes Davey

Accomplishments

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- ◆ **Perpetual Care and Maintenance Trust Accounts** are government mandated for all cemeteries and fee deposits are required for the purchase of interment rights and for the placement of memorials. Salem-Mariposa Cemetery in-trust monies were consolidated into one account established with the *Ontario Public Guardian and Trustee* in Toronto effective September 2012, providing lower administrative cost and higher rate of interest earned.
- ◆ Drafting and engineering reports for the new church access steps are now finalized. As well, permits have been approved and received. Construction is to commence on or about the beginning of June 2013.
- ◆ Jim Tremeer has finished the final draft of his anthology ... *A History of Salem Church and Cemetery and Salem Corners.* Further information on the release of the book, including price, and where to purchase, will be posted on the cemetery website so please visit regularly for updates.
- ◆ Annual cemetery grounds clean-up was held on Saturday, May 4. Our thanks to everyone who turned out to help.
- ◆ Work is now complete on the Salem-Mariposa Church Building & Cemetery By-laws, in compliance with the *Funeral, Burial, Cremation Services Act, 2002.* The following forms were revised:
 - Schedule of Services and Fees
 - Interment Rights Certificate
 - Interment Rights Contract

These documents can be viewed at the Annual Meeting and on the website.

- ◆ The first three cemetery newsletters (2010, 2011 and 2012) were prepared by Joanne Low and the Board valued her co-operation and dedication to this task. For 2013, much appreciation is extended to Karen (Short) Spearing for her contribution to the new format for the annual newsletter. Her creative suggestions provided inspiration to the Board and her technical expertise carried this project to completion.

Memorial Decoration Day Service

Sunday July 21, 2013—1:30 p.m.

Salem-Mariposa Church
Guest Minister: Denise Boyd
Special Music: Harmony Trio of Peterborough

Annual Meeting

(To follow the Decoration Day Service at approximately 2:15 p.m.)

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayers**
2. **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**
3. **Business Arising:**
 - ◆ Front Steps Report
 - ◆ Grounds Update
 - ◆ Jim Tremeer's Publication Update
 - ◆ Other
4. **New Business**
 - ◆ Financial Report
 - ◆ Resolutions (3)
 - ◆ Rotation of Directors
 - ◆ Update, re:
 - Salem Cemetery Contract
 - Interment Rights Certificate
 - Schedule of services and Fee
 - Website
 - Other

Members of the Salem-Mariposa Church Building and Cemetery Board:

- ◆ Bruce Davey, President
- ◆ Everett Davey, Secretary
- ◆ Doug Moore, Treasurer
- ◆ David Smeall, Director
- ◆ Lewis Tremeer, Director

- ◆ Donna Campbell, Financial Officer
- ◆ Garry Smith, Cemetery Manager

Noteworthy Reflections

The Church and wooden sheds were built in 1885. The sheds for the horses started about where the west gate into the church yard is today and went north to the property line, then across the north end of the property then south to the road. Most of the wooden sheds were replaced by the steel-clad shed in 1926.



In the picture, between the gate and the tree, is a concrete buggy platform where the ladies could step out of the buggy graciously.

The concrete church steps and platform at the north of the church were built in 1909 by men from the congregation and one man familiar with forms. The picture predates 1922. (Courtesy: Jim Tremeer)

Everyone with a connection to Salem Church and Cemetery will remember the Salem Sunday School Anniversary on the third Sunday and Monday in June.

This event began in 1860 and continued for 91 years until 1951 when a fire destroyed the cookhouse and woodshed. The tables and equipment needed to heat water and make tea and coffee for the Monday supper were destroyed and not replaced.

The morning and evening church services were held in the steel shed because the church would not hold the number of people that attended. The shed was built in 1926; when they started to use the shed for the church services is unknown at this time.

On Saturday afternoon, the shed was cleaned, the old sawdust was removed and new sawdust was put down. Fresh cedar branches were nailed around the raised platform. The unfinished wooden pews were cleaned

and set up. Planks were set on wooden blocks for extra seating. The piano from the church basement, the church pulpit and choir chairs were set up on the platform. The oil lamps from the church were filled and hung up for light. Women brought flowers which were then arranged in big baskets and set at the front of the platform. In the church, the children had the final rehearsal of their singing for Sunday morning service. There was always a guest minister for the morning service.

The smell of fresh sawdust, fresh cut cedar boughs and the baskets of flowers on the Sunday morning gave the place a sense of calm and peace. The seating capacity would be almost filled with people from the area and people from other churches and denominations. The evening service had smaller attendance. (Courtesy: Jim Tremeer)

Having been raised on the family farm 1 km north of Salem Church and Cemetery on the north east corner of Cresswell Road across from Ramsey's school, I have many fond memories of both the church and the cemetery.

My earliest memory was the funeral of my Grandma Davey in the fall of 1944. In those days, it was tradition for the wake and funeral to be held at home, and my grandmother's funeral was held at the farm of her daughter, Lena (and Ellis) Mollon, located on concession 7 just east of White Rock Road on the north side. I recall the hearse going out the driveway on the way to Salem cemetery for her burial.

I also recall attending many cemetery board meetings with my dad, Gladwin, in the church basement. Always a topic of concern at that time was whether there would be young people with an interest in assuming the care and maintenance of the property in years to come. We have been fortunate in that each generation has stepped up to take an active interest—and this continues to be the case today. Although we should never take this commitment for granted, we are hopeful that young people will continue to be supportive of our historical Salem Cemetery in the years to come. (Courtesy: Everett Davey)

RAMSEY, George (died January 2, 1864 at the age of 37). George Ramsey was one of twin sons born to William and Hannah Ramsey. His father William (an emigrant of Yorkshire, England), served on the first Mariposa Township Council and owned 147 acres in and around the 6th and 7th concessions of Mariposa. In approximately 1853 William donated land for the former Ramsey's School (still located on the northwest corner of the 7th concession) and Salem-Mariposa Cemetery. When William's son George died in 1864, he was interred in the southwest corner of the cemetery.



INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY

Refer to www.ogs.on.ca/services.php to assist in your research.

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