

There were many similarities among the Founding Members:

Tom McRobie and Mossman Gall worked with the Post Office.

Lorne McCoy and Fred Hamilton sold cars.

William Patterson and Isaac Laidley were doctors.

William Sutherland and George Brennan were engineers.

There were two Hodges brothers and a McRobie brother and sister.

Many of them lived in Montreal West, and others in Westmount and some in NDG.

Many curled.

Most of them died in their sixties except for Gordon Hodges who lived to be 90, Loren McCoy 88 and Eddie Maw 81.

Most were Kiwanians.

Many served in the First World War and some in the Second World War.

Owen Martin and Henry Hodges lived on Harvard Ave in NDG.

Many are buried in Mount Royal Cemetery in Montreal and others in Lachute Protestant Cemetery.

They were Protestant.

They were 19 men and one woman.

James Fish and Henry Hodges manufactured textiles and drygoods, Owen Martin was in men's furnishings and George Davis was in the wholesale hardware business. And Gordon Hodges was also was a manufacturing agent.

A Mayor Mossman Gall and a Lachute Alderman E.H. Wilson

Music: Ruben Dumbrille sang and Charles Culross sold musical instruments.

Three were husbands of three sisters.

They golfed!

1. George Eric Brennan



“ A guardian angel
o'er his life pre-
siding
Doubling his plea-
sures, and his
cares dividing.”

G. E. BRENNAN

McGill Year Book 1906

George Brennan died from cancer in 1925, soon after the club was founded. He was from Ottawa, studied at Ottawa College and graduated in 1906 with a Bachelor of Science from McGill University.

He married Vivian Ethel Clogg in Calgary in 1908 and three years later they were living in Vancouver where George worked as an electrical engineer for the Turnbull Elevator Company. They had one daughter Millicent.

He moved back to Montreal and founded the George E. Brennan Company in 1923.

His wife was not even mentioned in one obituary where his mother Dora E. and his brother came to Montreal to bring his body back to Ottawa for the funeral and burial. In another obituary, Vivian's brother along with other men were mentioned but not his wife? Vivian was mentioned in the Montreal obituary which said survived by his beloved wife and daughter, mother, brother and two sisters. Tributes were paid of respect and sorrow. It seems there was another funeral from 1 Murray Avenue, Westmount.

The family must not have liked his wife although in 1935 Millicent and her mother spent a weekend with her grandmother in Ottawa. Vivian later married Ernest Hutchison.

His daughter Louisa Millicent Brennan also graduated from McGill with a diploma in Physical Education. She married Alfred W Lansdell who went to Commercial High School. In 1963 they were living in Waterloo Quebec. Millicent died in 1998 and Alfred in 1997. They were buried with his parents Emma and Archibald Lansdell in Parkview Cemetery, Waterloo, Ontario.

2. William John Bryant



WILLIAM J. BRYANT

William J. Bryant was another less known founding member who probably sold his share to Hugh Kearns, a year or two after the golf course began, not because he died as that was only in 1969. He doesn't seem to have lived in Dunany.

He was a well-known businessman who started at Birks Corner Ltd. a wholesale grocer as a 12-year-old office boy and worked his way to President in 1935.

William must have known a number of the Dunany founders through his charitable work. He was the head of the Kiwanians, Illustrious Potentate of the Karnak Temple, a director of Shawbridge Boys Farm, a president of the Irish protestant Benevolent Society, President of the Quebec Society for Crippled Children, on the Finance Committee of the Reddy Memorial Hospital and a governor of the Montreal General Hospital.

He served as a Lieutenant in the 3rd Mounted Brigade during World War One.

He had one son Hayden Bryant who became a dentist and was a friend of Lindsey Mussells. After the war, they set up a practice together along with Dr Robert Harvey. They had trouble financing the purchase of a building so William Bryant bought it for them.

William Bryant and his wife Eileen True both curled at the Outremont Curling club. I guess he didn't have time for golf!

3. Charles Culross

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Charles Culross, Ruben Dumbrille's brother-in-law was also interested in music. He first sold pianos and then the newly invented, Sonora Phonographs and Vocalion records for C.W. Lindsay Ltd. With the changing times he took pianos in partial payment for phonographs. He later sold radio gramophones and records to learn languages in the comfort of your home.

He married one of the three Campbell girls, Anne Monroe Campbell. They had no children. Did the Culrosses and Dumbrilles live together in the cottage on Ross Road, Black lake? His funeral in 1946 was from his house on Murray Hill, Westmount with a great number of people attending, including many from Dunany.

4. George C. Davis



Frannie & George Davis

George Clarence Davis was born in 1865. He was in the wholesale hardware business. He was well known in the masonic fraternity and a member of the Zetland Lodge #12 and so attended many funerals for all his "brothers".

He and his wife Frannie (Frances Jane West also known as Jennie) were great friends of the McRobies and spent much time in Dunany. They skied and snowshoed in the winter and of course, golfed in the summer. They bought their first lot on Boyd Lake in 1914. In 1920 they bought a second lot and George built the house besides Parkes on Boyd Lake, now the McLeod's pub.

Their daughter Gladys Corinne Davis married William W Haldimand in 1911. They had two sons, William George Haldimand (1920-1997) and Mac Haldimand (1925-1954). George died in 1945

Elliot and Elizabeth Boucher and Hildy Wilson are six generation Dunanyites.



George and daughter Gladys

5. Ruben Hunt Dumbrille



Ruben Dumbrille & Billy Fish 1926

Ruben Hunt Dumbrille was born in 1879 in Erith, Kent, England and came to Canada when he was seven years old. He loved to sing and surely would have happily joined the Glee Club. He was a baritone soloist in Emmanuel Church, Dominion Douglas Church and the American Presbyterian Church as well as choirmaster at St Georges Church and music director at the St Lambert's Operatic Society and member of Apollo Glee Club.

Ruben was 37 when he enlisted (1916-1918) in the 148th Battalion which was associated with McGill but because of an arm deformity from a previous injury, he could only serve in the Quarter Master stores or Orderly room. According to his enlistment papers he was 5 ft 9 3/4 inches, 200 pounds, with fair hair and blue eyes.

When out of the army, he worked for 43 years for the Guarantee Company of North America, a Canadian owned insurance company with a long history of strength and stability.

He married Catherine Campbell (1918-1970), sister of Amy Maw and Anne Culross. They lived on Black Lake. They had one son Colin Dumbrille and two grandchildren Peter and Anne.

Ruben died in 1949 after a long illness.

Description of Ruben Hunt, Du-brille on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 37 years 0 months
 (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)

Height 5 ft 9³/₄ ins.

Chest measure (Girth when fully expanded) 42¹/₂ ins.
 Range of expansion 2¹/₄ ins.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue

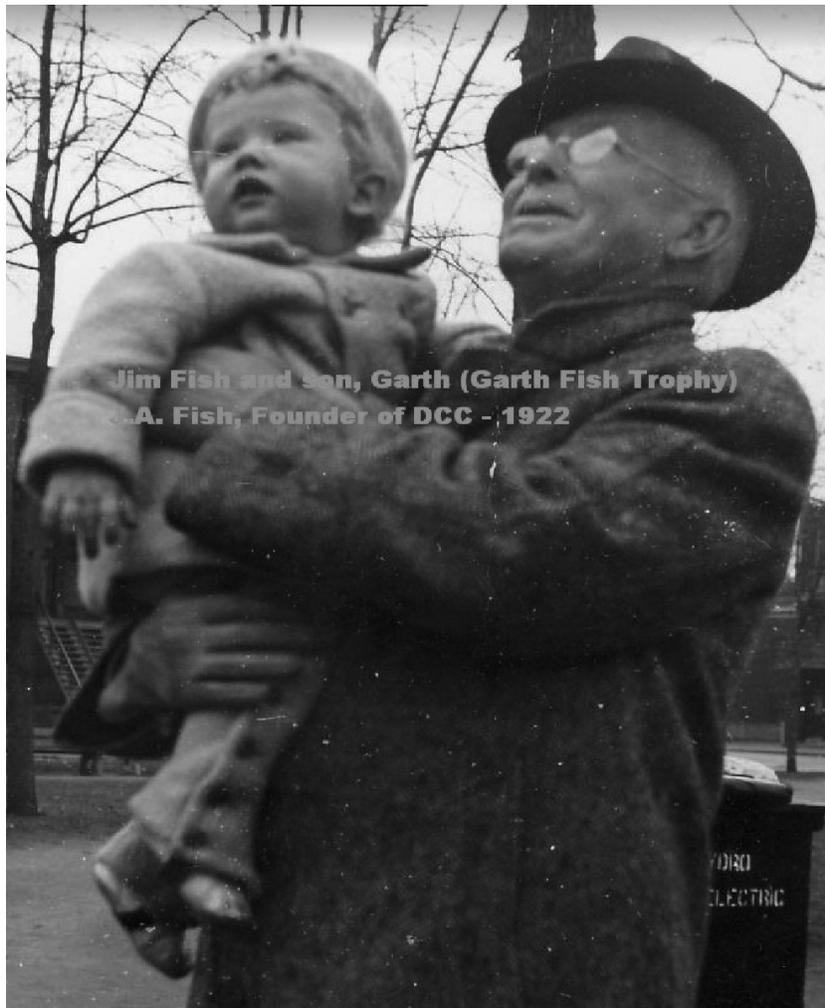
Hair Dark Fair

Religious denomination
 Church of England
 Presbyterian
 Methodist
 Baptist or Congregationalist X X
 Roman Catholic
 Jewish
 Other denominations
 (Denomination to be stated.)

Two Scars right elbow.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

6. James A. Fish



James was a salesman long connected with Dominion Textiles and he was said to have been a great salesman because in 1945 he convinced his Westmount born wife Edith, to live in Dunany full time.

In 1944 his elder son James Garth Fish was killed in action while serving in France as a sergeant with the Black Watch. Garth had been overseas since May of 1943. His younger son Billy was a corporal in the RCAF.

In 1950, James was at the unveiling of the stone monument beside the second tee, erected in memory of his son Garth. James had been sick and got out of bed to come to the ceremony and immediately returned to bed.

James was born and buried in Sorel QC. He died in 1953 in Lachute, at the home of his daughter Vida, Mrs Gavin Walker. He was survived by his widow Edith Williams and a son William. His funeral at St John the Evangelist Church in Montreal had honorary pall bearers including; Dr F.S. Swaine, Lorne McCoy, Donald Hay, and Frank Brennian. Actual pall bearers included; Ross Muir, Leonard Gain, George McCoy and Douglas Percy.

7. Hugh Mossman Gall



Mossman Gall his wife Mabel Wilson-Gall 1884-1947, Hugh Mossman Gall Jr. 1890-1955, My Grandmother Lillian McPhee-Armstrong 1886-1969, my mother Grace Armstrong-Rodger 1905-1977, Grandfather Eddie Armstrong 1887-1946, Wing Commander Mossman Gall 1915-1966, Lt Hugh Wilson Gall 1913-1944. Uncle Edward Armstrong 1914-2000.

(from John Roger)

Mossman Gall was a Lachute boy. He was Post Master in Lachute for over 40 years which had been in his family for over 100 years. He was also a mayor of Lachute from 1927-1929.

He and another Lachute businessman bought a large tract of land on the north side of Clear Lake where they built cottages.

Mossman and his wife Mabel Wilson had two sons, Hugh Wilson Gall and Mossman Wilson Gall. Hugh, a member of the Black Watch was killed in action in France in 1944 leaving a wife and two small children.

8. Frederick W. Hamilton



1929 Model M Opera Coupe Hupmobile

Frederick Hamilton married Margaret Hughes of Perth Ontario. He had a daughter Eileen (Mrs. Giles R. Gauthier) and a son who predeceased him, Reginald Hughes Hamilton who died at 28 in 1938. Fred was buried in Mount Royal Cemetery.

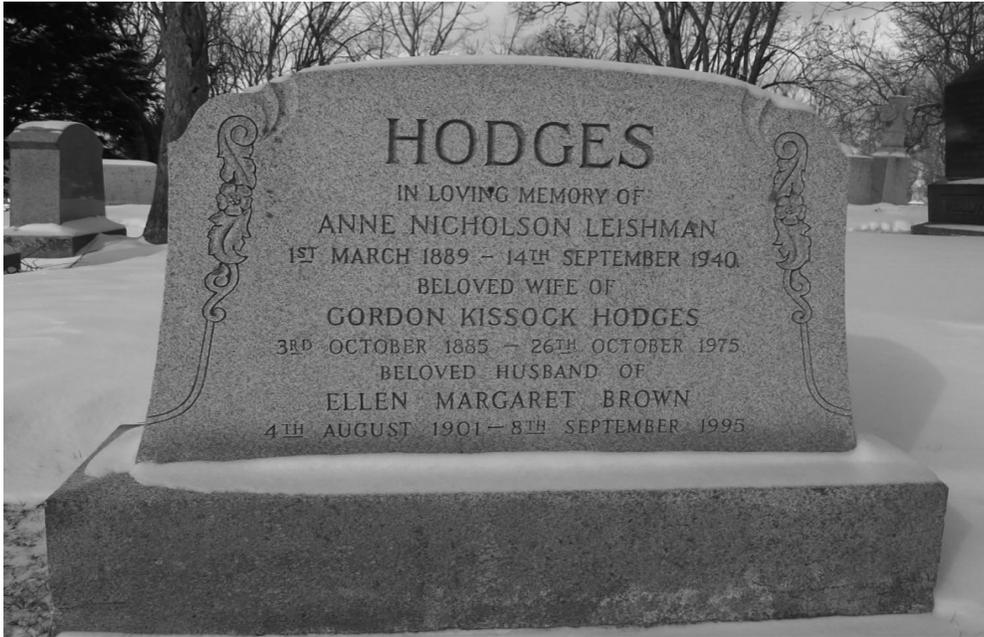
Born in Montreal he enjoyed athletics from his time at the High School of Montreal and was a member of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, the Marlborough Golf Club and the Dunany Country Club.

In 1921 he lived in Montreal West on Strathern Ave. He owned Hamilton Motors Ltd. Where he sold Hupmobiles and was the local distributor for Stutz and Black Hawks. He was also a Mason and head of the Montreal Automobile Trade Association. The 1930 Hupmobile embraced many new and distinctive body types. He was also a Mason.

He was involved with the selling of 71 Corvette warships after the war. They were sailed to an island off Sorel, Isle de Grace where the War Assets Corporation appointed Fred Hamilton as custodian (1945-1948) while they tried to sell the ships. Corvettes which cost \$1,000,000 were being sold for \$150,000 with few buyers. They were stripped of all their secret equipment and their guns were removed. Fred was responsible for their care.

Fred died in November 1948 in Ottawa. Margaret lived to be over 100. After Fred died their house on Boyd lake was sold to R.J. Leggett and Margaret spent summers living with Mabel Patterson.

9. Gordon Kissock Hodges



Gordon Kissock and John Henry were brothers. Gordon being the younger. He was a manufacturing agent.

He married Annie Nicholson Leishman in 1910 and first lived with his wife's family on Strathcona Ave in Westmount. They had one son Gordon Malcolm Howard Hodges. They were living on Grey Ave when Annie died in 1940 and she is buried in Mount Royal cemetery. She had a big funeral officiated by Rev. Kerr from St Andrew's United Church, Westmount. His second wife was Ellen Margaret Brown. She died in 1995.

He was a curler and played at Royal Montreal in 1944 as a skip. Rene Raguin was also a skip there at that time.

Gordon Hodges is buried with both his wives. Born 1885 he was one of the longest surviving founding members. He died in 1975 at ninety years old, so he was alive for the 50th anniversary.

10. John Henry Hodges



“In spite of their irreparable loss, they should derive solace from the fact that the deceased had achieved the most worthwhile accomplishment of life – a stainless reputation and the love of many loyal friends.” These were the pastor's words at Henry Hodges's funeral.

John Henry Hodges died suddenly in Winnipeg in 1939 while on a business trip. He had carried on the successful dry goods business John H. Hodges and Co. established by his father.

He married Ruth Ada Nolan. They had no surviving children having lost an infant son. He and Gordon Hodges, another founder were brothers. They had five sisters. None of whom had Dunany named husbands.

His funeral held at Wesley United Church in NDG was well attended, including by Dunany people; Mrs I H Laidley, Tom Havill, the Paveys and the O. C. Martins plus Helen Martin, C. Culross, R. H. Dumbrille and Col. F. M. McRobie.

Henry Hodges was the one who owned the house on Black Lake he sold to Rene Raguin in 1931.

He had a semidetached house on Harvard (Owen Martin also lived on Harvard) above Sherbrooke St, a drawing of it was in the newspaper as an advertisement for more houses. Mrs J H Hodges was a member of the IODE and Montreal Woman's Club.

11. Owen Clement Martin



Owen Martin originally from Selkirk, Ontario married Florence Edna Howell. They had two surviving children, Helen and Ross.

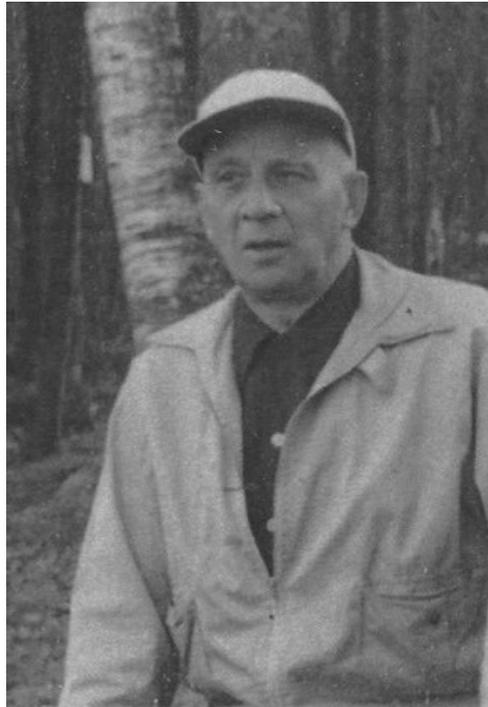
He was well known in the men's furnishing trade and for 35 years was the manager in Montreal for E and S Currie. He was a Kiwanian and a member of Masonic Lodge #76 and a trustee of the First Baptist Church. He did play golf and played in many Kiwanian tournaments. He and his wife were members of the First Baptist Church, Montreal where he was a trustee.

In 1920 he didn't want a suckling pig! At his Kiwanian's meeting a prize from the Booster, an Abattoir owner, was a suckling pig. Owen Martin was the winner. He had no use for a live squealing pig so said the pig should be auctioned immediately for the Children's memorial Hospital which raised 35 dollars.

During WWII he served with the Cable Censorship Board and the War Time Prices and Trade Board.

Owen Martin died in 1950 at 69 years of age after a short illness and his wife Florence in 1952. Their daughter Helen married Wyatt E. Carter in 1945 and they had a daughter Elizabeth Lynda Martin Carter born about 1948.

12. Edwin Hunter Maw



Eddie Maw was from Ormstown QC. He was another founding member who was a curler. There are many notices in the newspapers of his curling results. One time he was playing on the same team as T. Howard Stewart who donated the bell. He was also elected honorary auditor at the Caledonia Curling Club when T. Howard Stewart was Honorary Patron.

Eddie married Amy Gordon Campbell September, 14, 1921. They were engaged in August and married quietly in September. The wedding was at her mother's with lots of flowers, all mentioned in the write-up.

Eddie was the manager of Campbell's Florist, from his marriage in 1921 to its closing in 1949. The shop was founded in 1873 by his father-in-law Colin Campbell a Scot and the first man to venture into the retail flower business in Montreal. Eddie's wife and her two older sisters were the owners after their father's death.

Eddie died in 1972 at 81 and Amy in 1976 at 88 at the Heather Nursing home in Rawdon. Buried in Mount Royal Cemetery.

Every summer Eddie would train a chipmunk to come and eat out of his hand, much to the delight of the local children.

13. Lorne M McCoy



1888-1976

Lorne Matthew McCoy was born in Lachute and he was the last surviving founding member when he died at 88 in 1976.

He was a pilot during WWI in the Royal Flying Corps. He survived the war although he was injured and came back to Canada for a time to recuperate. After the war he became a car dealer and manager of Just Motors in Ottawa. He was the chairman of a Ottawa Motor Show in 1928.

His wife was Muriel Rayette Harrington 1899-1980 they were married in 1928. Mrs. L M McCoy was secretary of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Red Cross.

Lorne played golf at Rivermead in Ottawa.

His parents were Edmond Henry McCoy (1858-1932) who has a road in Dunany named after him and Mary Louisa Adams Arnott (1868-1960)

Most of his siblings married Dunany people.

Ethel Eliza McCoy 1889 - 1896

Edmond Henry McCoy 1892-1893

Harriet Delia (Hattie) McCoy 1894 married Dr. F. Swaine

Anne Louisa McCoy 1896 married Frank Brennian

Hazel Flora McCoy 1899 married McFaul

George Arnott McCoy 1903-1972 married Averst

Elinor Mary McCoy 1909-2009 married Donald Hay

14. Ann Smith McRobie



Flo Arnott McRobie, Lewis, Anne and ? 1926

On the list of Founders that we have been consulting for years, there was one woman, Mrs. G. E. Brennan or sometimes Brennian. It turns out it was her husband George Eric Brennan who was a founding member and he died in 1925. Many people thought Kit McRobie and her brother Lewis were founding members along with their brother Tom, but although they weren't, it turns out their older sister Ann was!

Not much is known about Anne. She was a good friend of Frannie and George Davis and spent a lot of time in Dunany. There are pictures of her with her friends, many including golf clubs. Anne died in 1927.

Lewis McRobie would come and stay with his sisters Kit and Ann at the cottage on Boyd Lake. Not a founding member but listed as one for many years.

He was a manager in a broker's office, MacDougall Bros. St. Sacramento Street in 1911 when his father died at 80 and also lived with Kitty and Ann on Dorchester Blvd. in Westmount.

Lewis never married. He died in 1935 and a memorial plaque is on the flag pole on the 9th hole, dedicated to 'Our Beloved Secretary'. He was the secretary of Dunany Country Club for a number of years.



15. Thomas Davidson McRobie



Flo and Tom McCrobie

Thomas McCrobie's father John Cross McRobie was born in Blairgowrie Scotland and died in 1911 when he was living on Dorchester Street in Montreal.

Thomas was one of eleven children, eight boys and three girls. Kitty being the youngest. Tom was mentioned as being on the local Post Office staff along with his brother Alex J.

Flora Jane Arnott and Thomas McRobie married in 1892. Her mother was a Boyd. In 1901 Tom was living in Westmount and listed as a market gardener. In all other documents he was reported to be working in the post office or as a railway postal clerk. Tom McRobie built his house in Dunany about 1914.

His funeral in 1940 was from his home in Lachute. He was a member of the Zetland Lodge No. 12 for many years and its secretary. The secretary put obituaries in the paper so all the brothers could attend the funerals. Usually with no regalia. Tom is buried in the Lachute Protestant Cemetery with his wife. They had no children. Tom and Flo were good friends of the Sutherlands and the reason they first came to Dunany.

16. James Stowell Parkes



The Parkes house and the golf course

James Parkes built one of the first houses on Boyd Lake and it is still there. They had no children. He played the organ in St Paul's Church Dunany and headed a girl's choir in the 1930s. After choir practise he would drive the girls to the store for ice cream, a bribe, so they would be in church on Sunday.

According to the 1901 census he was a hardware agent living in Montreal West. He was also a church warden at St Philips Church. He was one of a number of members who lived in Montreal West.

He died in 1943 and his wife Eva Beatrice Allard twenty years later when she was over ninety. Auntie Parkes as she was called by everyone, continued to come to the cottage with James' nieces, the three miss Moores, Florence, Elizabeth and Lena.

Born 1865 Scottish

1937 Mr and Mrs JS Parkes, Eva Beatrice Allard of Dunany sailed from Boston for Barbados.

1901 Census listed James as a Hardware agent and his sister Margaret was living with them in Montreal West.

Wife Eva Beatrice Allard died 1963? born 1870.

17. William J. Patterson



Dr Patterson was an athlete when he was young. He was a pole vaulter at Mount Alison University.

William Patterson graduated with his MD from McGill in 1906. He was associated with the Royal Victoria Hospital, he was the assistant surgeon in 1940 at the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children which was opened in 1925 and "won the first round of life's battles for many" and a founder of the Montreal Orthopaedic Centre. He was also the chief medical officer for Montreal West.

During WWI he was a captain in the Royal Canadian Medical Corp and in WWII he was a major heading the Central medical Boards.

He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club and formed a Montreal West Branch of the Canadian Legion. He was a President of the Canadian Branch of the Caledonian Curling Club and also a president of the Montreal West Curling Club of which he was made an honorary member. He was responsible for getting artificial ice in the club.

He married Mabel Florence Smith. They had three children, a daughter Margaret who married Mr. Litchfield and two sons, Hugh who died in 1928 and Sidney G Patterson who was a Lieutenant in WWII with the 17th D Y R C H. Syd was a Dunany resident until 1967.

Dr. Patterson died in 1944 at age 63 there were two columns of mourners at his funeral from St Phillips Presbyterian Church Montreal West, including chief mourners, Thomas Havill and Wilfred Hodgson.

The Patterson's in Dunany **by Lee Patterson**

My grandfather, Dr. William John Patterson, purchased property on Boyd Lake sometime prior to 1920. He built a large cottage, complete with the traditional full-screen porch. A lawn tennis court was built behind the cottage and was used by my dad, Sydney, his sister, Margaret, and their friends. The family lived in Montreal West.

The original cottage was struck by lightning and totally destroyed by fire. I think this was the 1940s. No one was there at the time. My grandmother, Mabel, had a new cottage built. It was later purchased by Shirley Beale and her husband. My grandfather passed away in 1942 or 43. My grandmother continued to spend extended summers there until the mid 60s. Her friend, Margaret Hamilton, stayed with her as a summer companion.

I think that my grandfather was introduced to Dunany through his brother-in-law, Albert Walker Smith. (Eldest brother of Mabel). Their cottage was on the corner of Monte Rd and Boyd Lake Rd. They owned all the land from Boyd Lake to Black Lake. It included a stream and a wonderful little waterfall. This property was bequeathed to my father, Syd, in 1960. The Smiths, my great uncle and aunt, (Albert and Edith) seldom used the cottage at this point in their lives. They had no children. Our family made great use of this cottage until its sale in 1967. We had moved from Lachute to Brampton, and were no longer able to get to Dunany.

A section of this original property had been sold to the Pavey family, likely in the ea50s. The sons were Wayne and Barry. I don't remember the parents' names, but I do know that Mr. Pavey served under my dad in WWII.

I believe that my grandfather was responsible for introducing some of his friends to Dunany, and their subsequent purchase of property. Dr. Laidley, Dr. Main (Clear Lake, near the Percy property). Following Dr. Hamilton's death, his cottage on Boyd Lake was purchased by RJ Leggett.

An interesting feature of our cottage (Albert Smiths) was that 4 bedrooms each had a sink, including 2 on the second floor. They were gravity fed by the creek beside the cottage. There was also a freshwater spring under our cottage. Many Boyd Lake residents would stop by to fill their drinking water containers.

Margie Main was my aunt's friend as they grew up. Margie was a very accomplished golfer and went on to play on many Quebec provincial teams. She married a dentist from Mtl. Dr. Mussells. I think his first name was Lindsay. He bought the property beyond my grandmother's cottage, and raised sheep on it.

My dad held the course record there for many years.

I recognize all the founders' names as they were friends of my grandmother, and I knew many of their grandchildren. Dunany was, and I believe remains, a very closed community. Friends of my grandmother included Kitty McRobie and Mrs. Parks. Kitty lived in the cottage between ours (Smiths) and the original Boyd farm, purchased by Haldimands. Kitty was aunt to Jessie Hutchison, whom I believe was related to the Haldimands. Mrs. Parks lived in the first cottage on Boyd Lake as you came down the hill from the golf course.

Another interesting anecdote. On several occasions, we were treated to a jazz concert from across the lake. Oscar Peterson spent a few weekends at the cottage of Johnny Holmes. Oscar was a member of Johnny's orchestra. You can google that info. I remember your mom (Madeleine Leslie), and of course all the Sutherland clan. You (Sharon Leslie) were too little for me to know, other than being able to picture your mom with little ones.

Friends of my dad in his youth included Kenny Laidley and Tommy Havill. I think that there may have been an Armstrong as well.

Hopefully this travel through time will help you. I will send a picture of my grandparents.

Lee



Mabel Smith Patterson

18. William Harkness Sutherland



William Sutherland was the grandfather we never knew. He died in 1942 before all but one of his grandchildren were born.

I always thought my grandfather only played golf at Dunany because it was there. My father used to say he wasn't a good golfer because he was taught by his father. I took that to mean his father didn't know the game very well but that was wrong. He was an avid golfer. He often played in Montreal and was a member of some city courses. He even practiced during the winter in the warehouse of Montreal Water and Power Company where he worked as an engineer. He often brought friends to Dunany for a day or two of golf. My grandmother would say how pleased he would be that some of his grandchildren enjoyed golf and that he would be proud of our accomplishments.

He had one of the first know holes-in-one at Dunany. He was playing with his brother Wilson and told him to go to the top of the hill so he could see where the shot went. Wilson watches William hit and then say, "Its in!" Isn't that the object of the game?

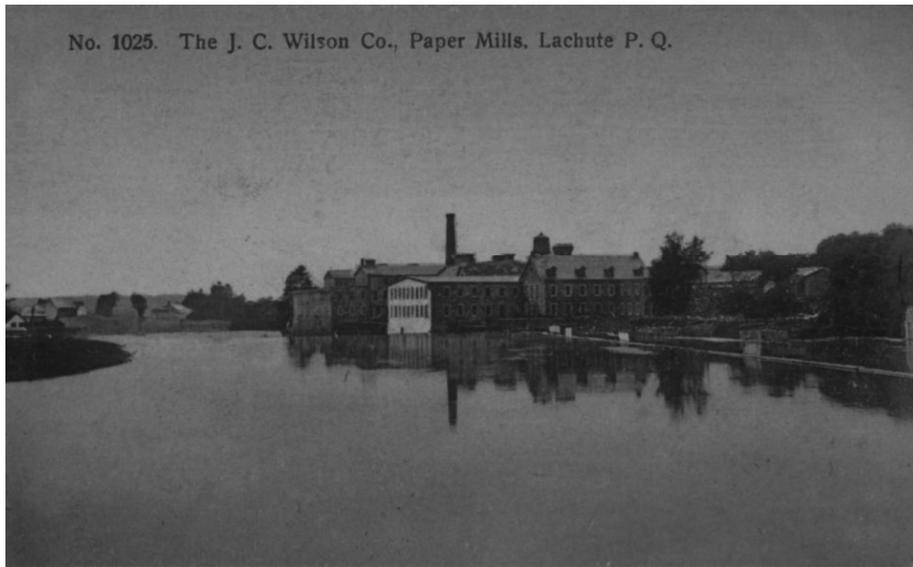
He also built the first water pump used on the golf course.

He and Minnie Sutherland had three children, Beth, Dory and Donald. The children all loved to come to Dunany although Beth didn't really take to golf. She played to please her father.



Donald, Minnie and William Sutherland in front of Boyd Lake cottage

19. Edwin Howlett Wilson



Edwin Wilson's father James Crockett Wilson, immigrated from Ireland to Montreal with his parents as a toddler. He built the paper mill on the North River to supply paper for his paper bag factory. He was elected to the House of Commons from Argenteuil in 1887. His three sons including Edwin worked for their father and some of the grandchildren also worked at the paper mill until the 1950s when it was sold to Price Bros. and today is owned by Abitibi Paper.

Edwin was a shrewd businessman who stayed out of the limelight although he was a Lachute Alderman. He was a great supporter of the Lachute Academy and served on the School Board.

He built the large white house at the end of Clear Lake where he enjoyed spending time with his wife Mabel and his sons. He was happy fishing the lakes and streams and was often seen with a glass of scotch in his hand. Mrs. Mabel Wilson was an active member of the Lachute community and she did a lot of charitable work with the Red Cross. She enjoyed curling, horseback riding, and playing bridge at the DCC.

Have you ever wondered why there's only one tree on the third hole, Wilson's Canyon? Legend has it that any time Edwin Wilson had a bad shot, he would point to whichever tree or rock he had hit and tell the greenskeeper, "Chop it down! Take it away!" and the offending object would promptly be cleared.

Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Wilson's son, James Crockett Wilson, married Dorothy Mary Dowler in 1932. Mr. Kilgour Wilson was the best man for his brother.



Mabel Wilson wife of E.H.Wilson

20. John Frank Wilson

We didn't know anything about founding member J.F. Wilson. He is on the list of shareholders in 1922 but apparently, Dr Isaac Laidley obtained his share in 1923. Frank Wilson also doesn't seem to be connected to E.H. Wilson and the Lachute Wilsons.

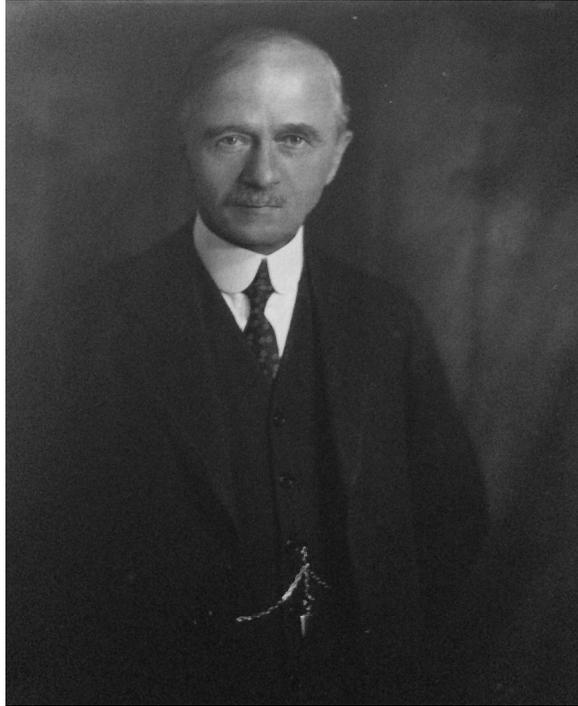
Frank certainly had connections with other founding members and Dunany residents living in Montreal West. An J.F. Wilson purchased a property in Montreal West in 1920. This was fronting on Percival Ave. In 1922-23 he is recorded as living at 169 Percival Ave. which happens to be two houses away from where Mary Sutherland now lives.

J. F. Wilson was a member of Montreal West Lawn Bowling Club and played on a team with Dr. Patterson when they lost to a Westmount team. He was also at a Tennis Club dance attended by Col. F.M. McRobie but there is no mention of golf.

He died before 1925 as his daughter Audrey Jean was married in July 1925 and he is listed as her late father.

We don't know how he came to be a founding member.

21. Dr. Isaac Henry Laidley



Isaac Henry Laidley was born in Omemee, Ontario, graduated from McGill Medical School in 1897 and from then on lived in Westmount, Quebec,

He was an avid winter curler and summer golfer and member of the Marlborough Golf Club and the Outremont Curling Club. Along with two friends who were also doctors in Montreal, he and his wife and three children sold their cottages in Ste Agathe as soon as they discovered Dunany. They built cottages on Boyd Lake in the early 20's.

Isaac spent his last 10 years of life enjoying the Dunany Golf Club. Although he passed away in 1932 when the course was only 10 years old, his wife Edith Leger and their three children Wendell, Ruth and Ken, continued to spend every summer at the lake and on the golf course.

He was a mason, a member of Waverly Lodge. Rev A Lloyd Smith of Dominion Douglas Church in charge of the funeral from his house and he would then be sent by train from Windsor Station to Quebec City for internment in Mount Herman Cemetery.

His youngest son, Ken and his wife Doris lived out their life in their beloved Dunany and the third generation of Laidleys are still active members.

While Dr Laidley wasn't on the Founder's List he did obtain his share in 1923 from J.F. Wilson and has always been considered a founder.



Edith Leger Laidley



Laidley Cottage on Boyd Lake

22. Hubert Kearns



The Kearns family at Dunany around 1950. Seated: Hugh, Lydia (Callanan). Standing: Jessie, Evelyn (Jones), Lila, Isabel, Alice (White).

Picture of Hubert Kearns' seven children from Eleanor Hammond's book.

Hubert Kearns was not on the list of the founders but he considered himself a Charter Member of the Dunany Country Club. It said so in his obituary. He obtained a share, probably from W.J. Bryant, in the first few years.

He bought his house on Clear Lake from Mossman Gall and he and his six sisters spent many happy years at their cottage.

Hugh was president of B and F H. Thompson Reg'd. He was also an accomplished musician who loved to play the piano and violin and his music was heard all around the lake.

His father Hubert Kearns was superintendent of the Wilson Paper Mill in Lachute so Hugh grew up in both Lachute and Montreal. He attended the Lachute Academy. He was the only son in a house with six girls. One sister Lydia, Mrs. J.F. Callanan's son John had a cottage on Black Lake. Another sister Evelyn, Mrs. Robert Bolton Jones' daughter was Grace Hyde wife of Sandy Hyde of Clear Lake. Another, Alice, was Mrs. Robert White and the other three, Isabel, Jessie and Lila never married.

Grace Hyde's daughters Janet and Lynn called the Kearns' cottage on Clear Lake the Aunt Hill as the three unmarried sister lived there after Hugh's death in 1958.

23. Mary Frances “Catherine” Kit McRobie



Kit McRobie was a golfer who enjoyed smoking her pipe and sipping a gin and tonic. Although not a founding member, she was very involved in the golf course she instigated. She is known for bringing golf to Dunany. In 1914, she and Catherine Campbell dropped balls on the Smith Farm and challenged each other to a match.

Kit McRobie whose name was actually Mary Frances but everyone called her Kitty was the daughter of John McRobie and Catherine Webster. She was the youngest of their eleven children, born in 1877 and died in 1963. She had a house on Boyd Lake which she shared with her sister Anne, 12 years older and her brother Lewis, just two years older. Anne died in 1927 and Lewis in 1935 so Kit spent many years by herself in the cottage.

Before Dunany was founded she was a member at the Country Club of Montreal in St Lambert where she served as president of the lady's branch in 1916. Did she drive? She was mentioned in a LCA curling tournament, the Jackson in 1925 when she curled from St Annes de Bellevue.

She continued her involvement with golf by serving on the Dunany Ladies Branch in many capacities.

During WWI she was in the Volunteer Militia.

24. The Founding Wives



Back Row: Frances Joss, Ann Dumbrille, Kitty McRobie, Catherine Culross, ? Flo McRobie

Middle Row: Minnie Sutherland, Mrs Hughes, Mabel Patterson, Amy Maw, ? Margaret Hamilton

Front Row: Hattie Swaine, Florence Martin

Behind many founding members there was a founding wife. Here are some after playing golf.