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THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A MUSEUM IN THE COMMUNITY

Submitted by Mary Ann Playford, Curator:

“June 2019 a couple from Lincolnshire, England visited our Museum. She had a specific reason for why they ventured this far north on their trip to Canada. In the early 1940s her father had traveled to Canada and found his way to Cranberry Portage. Once he was established he would send for his wife and 3 year old daughter. It was not to be. His wife died and it was decided the daughter would remain in England with relatives. The lady that came to the Museum was that daughter and she had never seen her father since the day he left. The purpose of the trip was to see if, by any chance, there was information or a photo of her father. And, yes, our Museum had a write up of his life here and a very nice photograph of him as well. There were a couple of other photos and written pieces that he was part of a particular group. This all, thanks to Ted Tadda whose photos and articles were donated to our Museum. As all this information and photographs had been scanned it was a simple matter to make copies for her.

The LUD office had the particulars of where his grave site was so armed with this information, we headed to the cemetery and managed to find the grave site. Many graves from that era were unmarked with no family to do so. Can you imagine how absolutely thrilled she was to be able to go back home with this material that made her trip, across the ocean, a trip of success for herself, her children and her grandchildren.

We can be proud.
 That is what Cranberry Portage Heritage Museum gave her.”

Museum will be open again this June but in meantime if you wish to visit, please contact one of the directors.

Museum memberships for the 2019-2020 year are now due. Please mail your cheque to the above address or provide payment to any of the directors.

Regular Memberships: residents

Individuals \$15.00 per year
 Family \$15.00 per year
 Student \$10.00 per year
 Institution \$20.00 per year

Associate Membership (those who live outside of community)

Individuals \$20.00 per year
 Family \$20.00 per year
 Institution \$20.00 per year

By renewing your membership or purchasing a new membership you have pledged your support to this most worthwhile community project. Thank You.

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