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Right Of Way Mine Artifact Returns Home

Bruce Kadolph of Thunder Bay generously donated this Brunton compass. The inscription reads, “Cobalt June 28, 1909, Presented to Richard Sandoe by the employees of the Right of Way Mine.”

Bruce said, “The ‘pocket transit’ was and still is used for mapping, surveying etc. This model transit, I found by a serial number search, was produced between 1905 and 1911.” Brunton compasses are still made today and haven’t changed much over the years. They are commonly used for surveying, claim staking and mapping.

His grandfather Wallace Kadolph was from Saskatchewan and he received the compass from a friend. As far as Bruce knows, Wallace was not connected to mining.

From newspaper archives, we discovered that Richard Sandoe lived and worked in Port Arthur before he came to Cobalt. Here, apart from his association with the Right of Way Mine, he was also connected with the Penn-Canadian, Beaver, and Temiskaming mines in Coleman, and the Cane Silver Mine near Kenabeek in Cane Township. He retired to Port Arthur. In 1948 he was presented with a Grand Lodge 50-year jewel. He died in 1949.

A small news item in the Temiskaming Speaker January 5, 1950, describes the man as an “outstanding silver miner.”

The obituary dated January 12, 1950, offered a bit more detail on the man’s life.

“Known to practically everyone who passed through the Cobalt district from its beginning till the Second Great War, “Cap” J. [sic] Sandoe died at his home in Port Arthur on December 24th.

“Born 84 years ago in the tin mining area of Cornwall England, Mr. Sandoe came to Canada in 1904 and arrived in Cobalt in the days of discovery, when the first mines were opened up. His entire career was spent in the mines in the southeastern portion of the Township of Coleman. First at the Cobalt Central, then at the Penn Canadian, Bailey, and Temiskaming, he rose to be Mine Cap-

tain and, in this position, became widely known throughout the mining area. For many years after the Temiskaming was closed, he resided at the mine, occasionally doing leasing operations alone or in partnership with Mr. Howard Moyle. Almost daily “Cap” was to be seen in Cobalt Square and he retained a vivid interest in all local mining activities. Some ten years ago he moved from Cobalt to Port Arthur but kept in touch with friends here by frequent corre-

spondence.

“Even up to this last summer he kept up his interest in gardening and, while he was no longer able to take part in mining ventures, he followed development throughout the Province, particularly in the Cobalt camp.

“His death followed a very short illness on Christmas Eve, in his Port Arthur home. He is survived by his wife and his daughter, now Mrs. W. S. Hodgins.”

Thank you, Bruce Kadolph, for this gift! That we are now the keepers of this treasure is an honour, and that it is associated with our “signature” heritage site, the Right of Way Mine makes it doubly so.

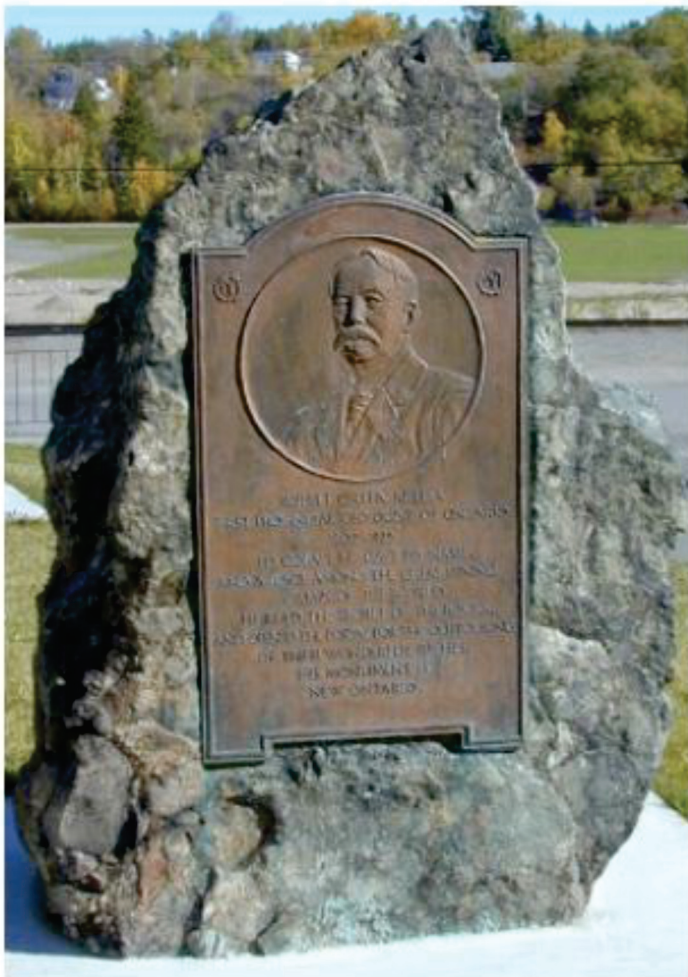


Historical Highlights

We truly enjoy hearing from people who are researching their family history. Not only is it satisfying to help fill a gap in an ancestor's story, we always learn something new. We fielded dozens of phone calls and email requests for information in 2018. Here is one of the highlights.

Dorothy Dick and the Willet Green Miller Memorial

Last summer Maggie Wilson received a phone call from an art dealer in Toronto. He recently acquired a maquette—a sculptor's model—of a young child. The work was signed by Dorothy Dick. He wondered what I could tell him about the bronze memorial to Willet Miller since she was the artist that created the plaque.



My first mission was to confirm that her name is on the work, and it is!

Dr. Willet Green Miller is a familiar name to Cobalt historians. He was the first provincial geologist and was on duty at the time of the silver discovery. These are the words inscribed on the plaque erected in



his memory: “To Cobalt he gave its name and a place among the great mining camps of the world. He read the secret of the rocks, and opened the portal for the outpouring of their wonderful riches.” In 1995, Miller was inducted to the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame.

After his death in 1925, the members of the Cobalt Kiwanis club authorized the memorial plaque and the commission was awarded to Dorothy Dick. She and her husband Stewart Dick, also an artist, were living in Canada in the 1920s, teaching, travelling and promoting the arts across the continent.

Mrs. Dick was something of a notorious celebrity during her time in Canada. She spoke witheringly about the Canadian art scene and ruffled a few feathers. However, she did admire the paintings of Tom Thompson.

At a time when women were seldom featured in the press, she received considerable attention, including photographs of her in the studio.

Besides the Miller memorial, she created bronze portraits of Timothy Eaton's children and Lady Beaverbrook, and a bust of Hector Charlesworth who was the editor of Saturday Night magazine and the first head of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission,



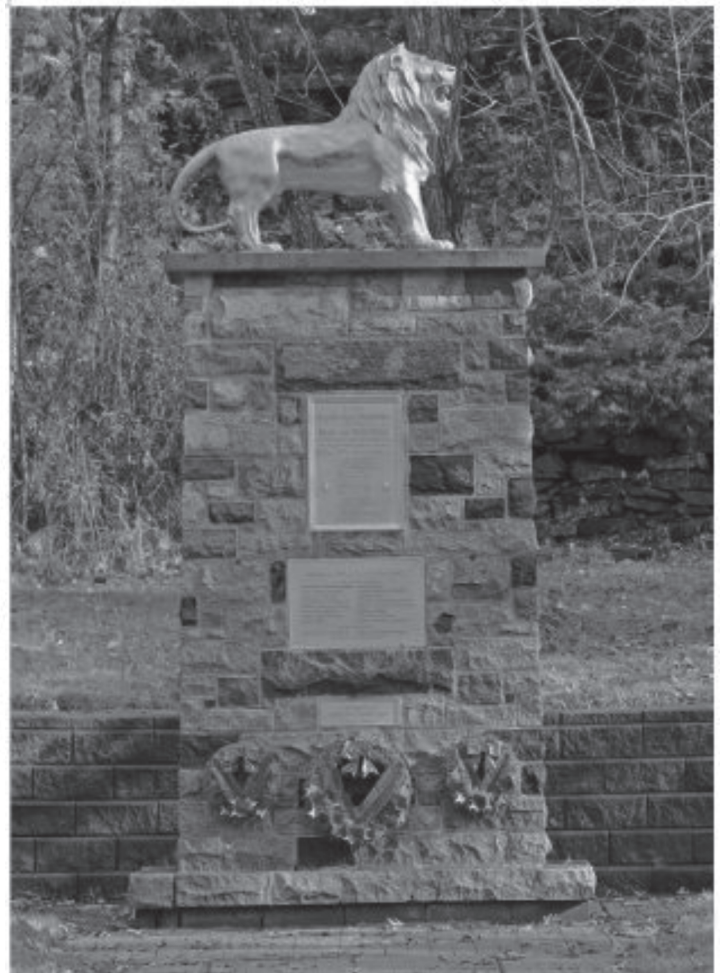
Winnipeg Tribune February 23, 1927

later the CBC. As Maggie wrote to the art dealer, “It gives me chills rubbing digital shoulders with all of these famous people!”

If you travel to Nova Scotia for Remembrance Day ceremonies, look for the lion atop of the Bedford centaph. The sculpture is her work.

The Dick’s returned to England in the 1930s where they lived out their days.

Very little information is to be found online. If you search for Dorothy Dick, you will find an artist living in Scotland, also a sculptor. But the woman who created the memorial that stands alongside Bunker Lane in downtown Cobalt appears to have all but disappeared from memory.



Additional Links:

https://sculpture.gla.ac.uk/view/person.php?id=msib4_1240568197%20

www.mininghalloffame.ca/willet-green-miller

www.facebook.com/pages/Cenotaph-Fish-Hatchery-Park/140326456020139

Another Chapter of Temiskaming Heritage, June 1, 2019

We have 5 presentations:

Debra North: Annie Saunders, Cobalt’s first nurse

Maggie Wilson: Horatio Barber and the Open Call Mining Exchange

Terry Males: Grey Owl and his time in Cobalt

Robert Larocque: A Methodical Strategy to Dating Historic Cobalt Photographs

Bruce Taylor – Taylor Hardware As A Business Incubator

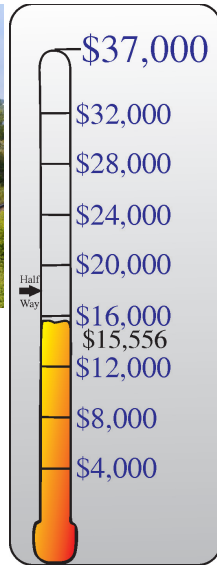
There’s plenty going on the weekend of June 1 in the Tri-towns. The *Spring Pulse Poetry Festival* is on all week leading up to a special ceremony on Sunday, June 2nd for the awarding the Order of the North to Dr. William Henry Drummond. Also, on Sunday, plan to attend a fundraising auction for our friends at the *Haileybury Heritage Museum*.



Fund Raising Update

GREAT news regarding our fundraiser to fix the roof on the Right-of-Way Mine! We're keep growing closer to our goal with **\$15,566** in donations. If you wish to send us an Interac e-transfer from your bank, please use our email chs@heritagesilvertrail.ca

Together is the way it works. Thank you.



Heritage Designations

During the past year we had made presentations to the Town of Cobalt and to Coleman Township to have two sites designated as heritage sites. All that remains is for them to publish the intent in the newspaper and then pass the by-law.

Both councils agreed to our request to designate the sites. However, the project has stalled. We are working together with the administrations to continue the heritage designation process in 2019. We'll keep you posted on these developments. It is imperative that we protect the Right of Way headframe in Cobalt, and the Nipissing Hill mills sites in Coleman Township, two iconic landmarks on the Heritage Silver Trail.

Annual General Meeting

CHS Annual General Meeting will be held 10:30 am March 18, 2019 at the CHS office. The election of the Board members will happen, and a report on our 2018 activities will be presented. We are always looking for interested people to make their voice heard on the Board. At our last meeting we looked around, and the members there had one thing in common--none of live in Cobalt.

Hope you can join us either at the meeting or by putting your name forward as a potential Board member.

Membership Renewals

We hope you will renew your membership for 2019. We thank all those who have so quickly sent their renewals for 2019.

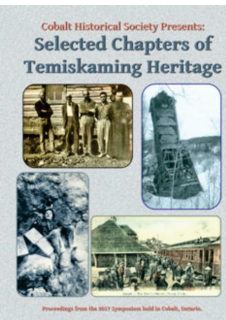
We're looking to accomplish bigger and better things. The form is available for download from the website if you've lost the copy that came in the last newsletter. The Newsletter will only be mailed to those who have renewed. If you would prefer an online version rather than a printed one, just indicate it on your renewal, or send us an email, or letter.

We thank Stan Lafleur at Prism Publishing for printing the newsletters. The set-up time has also been donated, so please support the book store in the old Coniagas shaft house downtown so we can continue to serve you.

Between newsletters, stay current with our website and Facebook page.

**SAVE
the
DATE**

**June 1st, 2019
Another Chapter in
Temiskaming Heritage
@ Golden Age Club**



The proceedings from the 2017 symposium are available at the book store, 50 Silver Street, Cobalt, online, or by cheque/ money order payable to the Cobalt Historical Society.

Submissions for the Newsletter are most welcome and needed. So if you have some piece of history to share please let us know. We can scan photos, and decipher handwriting if we have to do so, but a word processor file attached to an email would be greatly appreciated. Sharing history of the homes you've lived in, places you've worked -all the pieces of Cobalt life will have some interest. History isn't just the money, the mines, the businesses—it's what life was like that also needs to be captured. Help us do that.