# TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

#### **AGENDA**

May 1, 2025

At 5:30 pm

- 1. Call meeting to order
- 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Minutes
  - I. May 16, 2024
- 5. Road Name Change Request
  - a. Mr. Mangan's emails
  - b. Supporting documents from Mr. Mangan
    - a) Founding Families of Admaston, Horton & Renfrew Village
    - b) Mangan Admaston 1848 Original Map Cropped
    - c) Heritage Map Admaston
    - d) Felix Mangan & Patrick Mangan Map
  - c. Eganville Leader Mangan History Staff found

#### 6. Closed Session

Redevelopment of 955 Opeongo Road

Section 239 2 (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

- 6. Question Period
- 7. Next meeting to be determined
- 8. Adjournment

#### TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

#### **Planning & Economic Development Committee**

Date: May 16th, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Present: Committee members present were Michael Donohue, Angela Field, Brian

Hamilton Kevin LeGris, and Keith Gourley (Chair) staff members present were CAO/Clerk Jennifer Charkavi, Treasurer-Deputy CAO/Clerk Kelly Coughlin, Fire Chief Bill McHale and Public Works Superintendent Steve

Visinski.

Jim McBain, Municipal Law Enforcement Services (MLES) was also present.

- 1. Keith Gourley called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
- 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest None.
- 3. Approval of Agenda 2024-05-01

Moved by: Brian Hamilton Seconded by: Angela Field

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee approve the agenda for the May 16, 2024 Planning and Development Committee meeting as presented this date.

"Carried"

4. Minutes – 2024-05-02

**Moved by:** Michael Donohue **Seconded by:** Brian Hamilton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning and Economic Development Committee approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting.

"Carried"

5. Draft Clean Yards By-Law – First Review - 2024-05-03

Mr. McBain, MLES, reviewed the draft Clean Yards By-Law and why such a by-law should be enacted.

Committee discussed the draft Clean Yards By-Law.

Some Committee Members were concerned about telling people what to do with their property and that old farm buildings, working farms, would be targeted. Mr. McBain notified Committee that the Township already has a Property Standards By-Law that enforces how properties can be and should be maintained. He noted that the Property Standards by-law is very legislated and there are many timelines involved such as notice periods, appeal periods, and extensions that can create a very long time period for a property to be cleaned up. He noted that

the Property Standards by-law also can only deal primarily with the property owner and not the actual transgressor. With the Clean Yards By-Law the renter or the occupant is the one that can be found accountable.

Committee discussed what types of issues would lead to a charge. Mr. McBain noted that the Clean Yards By-Law can be created to fit the Township.

Staff will receive comments from Committee on the draft Clean Yards By-Law and once those have been received, will bring it back to Committee for another review.

Moved by: Kevin LeGris Seconded by: Angela Field

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee receive the draft Clean Yards By-law for review;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee is interested in a Clean Yards By-Law for the Township;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning & Development Committee will review the by-law and send staff comments to be incorporated in to a report for a future meeting.

"Carried"

"Carried"

6. Draft RFP – Strategic Plan Report – 2024-05-04

Committee reviewed the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Strategic Plan.

Moved by: Kevin LeGris Seconded by: Angela Field

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee receive the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Strategic Plan;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee review the RFP for a Strategic Plan and send comments to staff for inclusion in a report for a future meeting.

"Carried"

#### 7. Next Meeting

At the call of the Chair.

8.	Adjournment – 2024-05-05			
	Moved by: Angela Field	Seconded by: Kevin LeGris		
	BE IT RESOLVED that the May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:42 p.m.			
		"Carried"		
	Chair			

# Township of Admaston/Bromley 477 Stone Road, R.R. #2 Renfrew, ON K7V 3Z5

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#### **REPORT**

Date: May 1, 2025

To: Planning & Economic Development Committee

From: Jennifer Charkavi

Re: Change of Road Name and Lake Request

#### **Background:**

Staff and Council received a request from Alfie Mangan to rename McNulty Road to Mangan Road and to rename Samally Lake to Mangan Lake.

The Township is unable to change the name of a body of water as that is done by in Ontario by the Ontario Geographic Names Board. They are responsible for recommending new names or changes to existing names of geographic features, including bodies of water. The Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry must then approve the Board's recommendations. Anyone can submit a proposal for a name change, but the final decision rests with the Minister. Should the Township wish, we can submit a proposal.

#### Discussion:

Staff have viewed the 1920 Tax / Assessment Roll, the oldest that we have and both names Mangan and McNulty appear. The name McNulty Road was listed on the 1998 Road Names By-Law. Staff cannot find when the name changed from Mangan to McNulty.

The name change can only be done through a by-law. The Township does have a Notice Policy, By-Laws require 48 hours notice. However, with something of this nature, staff are recommending should Committee choose to pursue this request that all property owners on McNulty Road be notified of the request and be asked to provide comments, as well as placing a notice in the Eganville Leader, and on our website to receive comments. It is important to note that the notice may have the effect of others wanting to see their road name's changed. Staff are also recommending that staff be directed to bring to Committee a Road Naming Policy for consideration.

### **Financial Implications:**

Mr. Mangan has indicated that they will pay the costs associated for the name change.

#### **People Consulted:**

None.

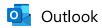
#### Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee direct staff to send out Notices of the Request for Comments on road name change from McNulty Road to Mangan Road;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Committee will meet to review the comments received and make a decision at that time.

Or

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee direct staff to reply to Mr. Mangan that the road name will not be changed.



#### Re: Local Road Name Change

From Alfie Mangan <jamanjam@gmail.com>

Date Tue 3/18/2025 12:25 PM

To Jennifer Charkavi <cao@admastonbromley.com>

Thank you, Jennifer I appreciate the update Best Regards, Alfie

On Tue, 18 Mar 2025 at 12:16, Jennifer Charkavi < cao@admastonbromley.com > wrote:

Alfie: I have only begun to put information together. I will keep you posted, Jennifer

Jennifer E. Charkavi, CEMC, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.

CAO/Clerk

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From: Alfie Mangan < jamanjam@gmail.com >

Sent: March 9, 2025 7:39 PM

**To:** Jennifer Charkavi < <u>cao@admastonbromley.com</u>>

**Cc:** mayordonohue <<u>mayordonohue@admastonbromley.com</u>>; Info <<u>info@admastonbromley.com</u>>; Angela Field <<u>afield@admastonbromley.com</u>>; Keith Gourley <<u>kgourley@admastonbromley.com</u>>; Brian Hamilton

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Subject: Re: Local Road Name Change

Good Morning Jennifer E. Charkavi, CAO/Clerk

613-836-3578

Has progress been made in changing McNulty Road to Mangan Road?
Just a summary
A review of the local land ownership records shows that Mangans have had a continuous presence as landowners,
farmers, in Admaston, for over 166 years. That continuous ownership, since at least 1848, has been from Lot 18, Conc. 8 to lot 21, Conc 7 to Lots 22 and 23, Conc.7. We have owned 600 acres, over 166 years, in the area encompassed by The Stone Road, Lynch Road and what is currently McNulty Road.
I have not been able to find any family that has contributed to Admaston to the degree that our family has.
I would also point out that Colton Lake was recorded as Colton Lake by 1848 and continues to be called by that name. Whereas, Mangan's Lake, the original name of the lake, appears to change name at the whim of whoever currently owns it. I request that for the formal, legal record the name revert to the original name, Mangan's Lake instead of Samally Lake, and of course that McNulty Road be called Mangan Road for reasons succinctly stated
I have more maps and data to support the stated position.
If more information is needed, please let me know what you require and I shall make it available to you.
Thank you for your consideration of these issues.
Sincerely,
Alfie Mangan

On Mon, 24 Feb 2025 at 10:29, Jennifer Charkavi < cao@admastonbromley.com > wrote:

Thank you Mayor Donohue, staff never received the original email. Jennifer

Jennifer E. Charkavi, CEMC, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.

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From: mayordonohue < mayordonohue@admastonbromley.com >

Sent: February 24, 2025 9:47 AM

**To:** Alfie Mangan < jamanjam@gmail.com >

**Cc:** Info < info@admastonbromley.com >; Angela Field < afield@admastonbromley.com >; Keith Gourley < kgourley@admastonbromley.com >; Brian Hamilton < bhamilton@admastonbromley.com >; klegris

<<u>klegris@admastonbromley.com</u>>

Subject: Re: Local Road Name Change 2, Tel # Corrected

Good morning Mr. Mangan,

Thank you for your correspondence, I am copying township staff on this reply that they can initiate a review of your request.

Regards,

Michael Donohue

From: Alfie Mangan < jamanjam@gmail.com >

Sent: February 23, 2025 6:50 PM

**To:** mayordonohue < <u>mayordonohue@admastonbromley.com</u>>

**Cc:** Angela Field <a field@admastonbromley.com>; Keith Gourley <a href="kgourley@admastonbromley.com">kgourley@admastonbromley.com</a>; Brian

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<a href="mailton@admastonbromley.com">Subject:</a> Local Road Name Change 2, Tel # Corrected

Mayor Donohue and Council Members, I did not receive any acknowledgement of my original email to Admaston Township Council, but to further substantiate my claim, I have attached two more maps, both demonstrating significant proof of our very early presence in Admaston.

One of the maps dated **1848**, three years earlier than the **1851** census, shows our exclusive presence at Mangan's Lake on Lot 18, concession 8.

The second map shows that the lake in question was named Mangan's Lake, Manguin's Lake. This map is from McGill University.

Based upon history, the lake should still be called Mangan's Lake. The name of the lake as well as some roads appear to change at the whim of current ownership rather than be based upon historical fact. Where else does whim override history.

Our family has contributed to Admaston Township for more than 160 years, and has had a presence, in Admaston, at both ends of the road over all those years.

True to history, Brennan Road legitimately became Gallagher Road, and, Enright Road legitimately became Kennelly Road.

Mc Nulty Road, based upon history, legitimate due process and upon common sense, should be called Mangan Road.

I can meet with council at your convenience to proceed with this matter.

Let's start the process?

Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this issue.

Alfie Mangan

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#### Mangan Rd Update

From Alfie Mangan <jamanjam@gmail.com>

Date Wed 4/16/2025 11:44 AM

To Jennifer Charkavi <cao@admastonbromley.com>

Hi Jennifer,

I know that you have been reviewing the information that I have sent you and that you will be making a decision as to the validity of the question that we have raised. Can/should McNulty Road be named Mangan Road, and Samally Lake be restored to its original name Mangan's Lake. I believe that history alone dictates the validity of our request. From at least 1848 until 2014 we farmed and paid our dues in Admaston from the junction of Lynch Road and McNulty Road to the corner of McNulty Road and the Stone Road.

For more than 166 years years... from Mangan's Lake, lot 18 concession 8, to Lots 21, 22, and 23, concession 7.... Mangans contributed to Admaston Township.

No one has a valid claim that can compete with our proven record of continuous farming in a specific location in Admaston Township.

<u>However</u>, I know that another consideration for you and for council is the the cost of such a process. I would like to suggest to you that given the cost that may be incurred, we would be pleased to pay any fees that arise in order to eliminate any financial impact such a decision might have on the township. I hope that this offer eases one element of this endeavour that might be an impediment to an easy resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of the information provided.

Sincerely, Alfie	
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# The Mangans

Origin: Ireland

Location: lot 18, con 8, Admaston.

Very likely the father of this family came to Canada, but the 1851 census shows his widow, living with three unmarried children. Mangan Lake in Admaston was named for this family. The name was later changed to Whelan Lake and then Samally in honour of other families who lived there.

It appears that some branches of the family used the name Manion, or had this name attached to them by officials. It is interesting to note that the Gaelic Irish surname O'Mongain can be anglicized as either Mangan, Manion or Manahan.

Mary Mangan was born in Ireland circa 1792. Her children shown in the 1851 census:

c1828 Ellen c1830 Mary or Margaret c1832 John m. Jefferson Moore

We could discover little about the pioneer generation of this family but it is possible that Patrick Mangan of Admaston, born circa 1823, who appears in later censuses, was related in some way to the widow Mary Mangan, possibly a son. In the 1881 census, for example, we can see Patrick, age 58, with his second wife, Margaret, and his children:

Anne, age 29	Patrick, 23	Michael, 16
Mary, 27	Bridget, 20	Thomas, 14
James, 25	Honora, 18	

Mrs Felix Mangan kindly shares the following informationa bout Patrick Mangan Jr (Paddy) who was born circa 1858

Paddy Mangan married Sarah Gallagher of Douglas. They had four boys and a girl;

Ernest m. Kathleen Donleavy

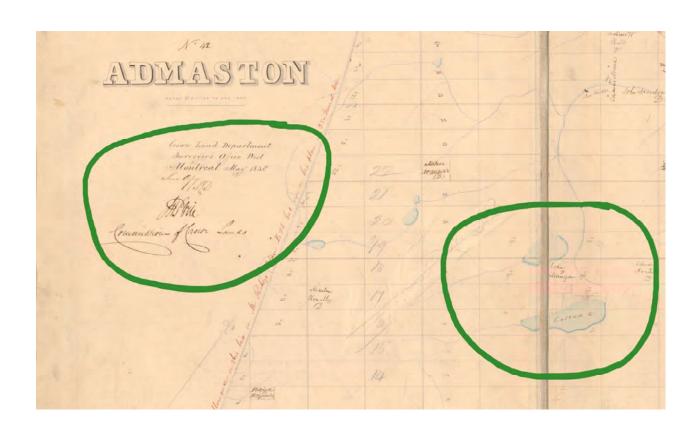
Ella May m. Maurice Scully and went to
Cobalt

Alfred unmarried, went to Detroit
Thomas Patrick farmed in Admaston (T. P.)
Felix m. Katie Collins of Dacre

Paddy Mangan had a half brother, Mick Mangan of Bulger's Corners, whose wife was Mary Coady of Almonte. Their nine children included James Mangan, who is a Christian Brother. His book "Voyage of the Naparima" tells the tragic story of the many thousands of Irish immigrants who died at the quarantine station at Grosse Ile in the 1840s.

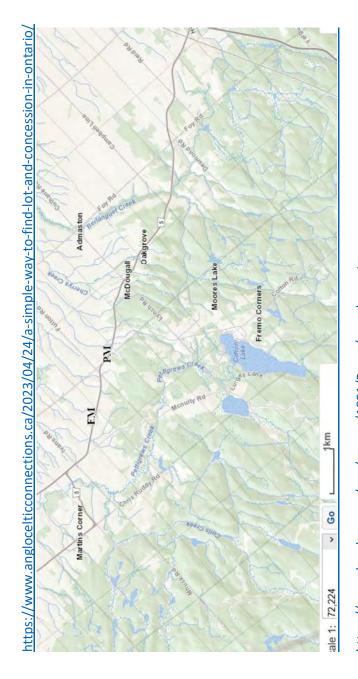
# Mayhew

The Mayhew family, some of whom lived in Admaston, were among the very earliest settlers of the Renfrew district. For more information, please turn to the Horton section of the book.



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https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/AgMaps/Index.html?viewer=AgMaps.AgMaps&locale=en-CA Thet were the only farmhouses from McNulty Road to Lynch Road on this side of The Stone Road FM represents the Felix Mangan farmhouse location, Lots 22/23, Concession 7 PM represents the Patrick Mangan farmhouse location, Lot 21, Concession 7



https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1851/Pages/canada-west.aspx





# An Admaston man once mistook a leprechaun for history A story of how James Joseph Mangan once had scholars up in arms worldwide!

By Barry Conway

Douglas -- Less than 10 kilometres south-east of here, there's a jumble of old Admaston Township roads -- McNulty, Sammon, Lynch and Hass -- all converging on Samally Lake -- sometimes known as Whelan Lake -- though when the Irish first came to Admaston in the 1840s, it quickly became known as Mangan's Lake.

It is here Patrick Mangan, an Irish immigrant born in 1826, settled in 1847 with his widowed mother and what remained of her family. By 1849, at nearby Mt. St. Patrick, Patrick Mangan married Ellen Carty, someone he could finally talk with about the horror of what's still known in Ireland as Black '47 and especially about what lay at the end of the Atlantic crossing as those Irish immigrants thought they were about to enter Canada.

At least 5,424 Irish immigrants landing at Gross Isle died there in 1847, mainly from typhus. All were buried at Grosse Isle, then one of Canada's most notorious quarantine stations just northwest of Quebec City. That same year, over 600 Irish children were left orphaned at Grosse Isle. Indeed, after 1847, mass Irish migration shifted from Canada to the United States as stories of Grosse Isle turned away more prospective Irish immigrants than even Canada's inhospitable winters.

Those few members of the Mangan family who made it past Grosse Isle during Black '47 were part of a much larger chain migration or what local Renfrew County historian, Carol Bennett McCuaig, once aptly called 'The Kerry Chain and Limerick Link; 'meaning that Patrick Mangan was one of about 500 Irish emigrants who arrived in the Upper Ottawa Valley shortly before, during or shortly after the Irish Famine.

First, an older cousin might arrive early in the 1840s, followed by a few more relatives or neighbours from West Limerick or North Kerry a few years later on; and finally whole extended families, if not seeming Irish neighbourhoods would eventually coalesce between Mt. St. Patrick and Douglas with the epicentre being Admaston Township.

Their destinations, as well as their choices, especially between 1845 and 1851 or at the height of what became known as the Great Hunger, were stark. Upwards of one million of their Irish brethren would die of starvation back in their homeland during those years, while two million more headed for any place that sounded better than the desolation of Ireland. In fact, of the 97,492 Irish souls who headed for Canada in 1847, nearly 20,000 died within a year of leaving Ireland.

So, when Patrick Mangan landed on Lot 18, Concession 8, in Admaston, snug between Mangan's Lake and Colton Lake, it must have felt like a breath of fresh air. It was there he could raise a family, if not talk happily about his famous Dublin cousin, James Clarence Mangan, still considered the greatest poet of 19th Century Ireland.

Indeed, when those two great literary giants of 20th Century Ireland came along -- William Butler Yeats and James Joyce -- they both saw themselves (and often dressed with the same outlandish Bohemian aplomb) -- as the literary inheritors of Patrick's cousin, whose father, like Patrick's own, was born and raised in West Limerick, if not North Kerry.

Curiously, one of Patrick's grandsons -- James Joseph Mangan -- would become almost as famous in the late 20th Century, at least among Irish historians and literary scholars on both sides of the Atlantic. For it was James J. Mangan of Admaston Township who Carol Bennett McCuaig said was the first to publish "the tragic story of Irish families who died at the quarantine station at Gross Isle at the time of the Famine.'

She accepted James J. Mangan's publications as historical fact, though others did not. Indeed, within 10 years of his first 1982 publication, James J. Mangan's little book was in for a very rough ride. By 1993, Grosse Ilse, after weathering its own controversial rebirth, finally became an Irish Memorial National Historic Site, under then federal Heritage Minister Sheila Copps. She, incidentally, had her own deep roots in the ancestorial dirt of Brudenell. Her people were part of that original chain migration that left Ireland and had once headed for Renfrew County.

Meanwhile, Mangan's little book was

selling very well, especially in Ireland, and where it seemed to anyone with even a nodding interest in Irish history to be the long-sought-after but essential missing link. For far too long, there had only been vague, oral hand-me-down tales -- of the sort that James J. Mangan's grandfather, Patrick, might have told -- of those horrific 'coffin' ships that had once crossed the Atlantic in Black '47.

Incredibly, there had been no generally-accepted, written accounts of Irish emigrants escaping the famine and arriving in such places as Grosse Isle. For all its horrible history, Grosse Isle had no true eye-witness accounts written aboard those coffin ships or arriving in Quebec; no historian had ever come up with a single diary, journal or letter that could substantiate oral stories of the sort once told at Mangan's Lake.

Partly because so many Irish immigrants had died on route; partly because most of those who had survived Grosse Isle were illiterate; and partly because even those who had lived to tell the tale had no real taste to recall those painful, horrific memories

Then along comes James Joseph Mangan who said he had finally found an authentic diary written by an Irish immigrant named Gerald Keegan, a teacher from County Sligo who had taken one of those coffin ships in '47 and who had arrived at Grosse Isle and so could finally tell its horrible story, truthfully.

What James J. Mangan had found, however, was not an authentic diary, but rather a faded photocopy of a fictional short story, Summer of Sorrow, written in 1895 by Robert Sellers. He was the publisher of a Quebec newspaper, The Huntington Gleaner, and had published Summer of Sorrow as part of a book of short stories called Gleaner Tales.

Still, James J. Mangan was absolutely certain of Keegan's factual authenticity. So much so, that in 1982 he had convinced a Grosse Isle specialist, Sister Marianna O'Gallagher, SC, and a Quebec publisher, Carraig Books, to publish his heavily-edited version of Summer of Sorrow though renaming it Voyage of the Naparima: A Story of Canada's Island Gravevard.

Some academics were overjoyed: "No library of Irish immigration should be called complete without this plaintive story of a family's travels and travails during the fearsome '47," said one newsletter issued in the fall of 1988 by the D'Arcy McGee Chair of Irish Studies at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, N.S. 'Based on a school teacher's diary, the book is a record of a cross-Ireland trek to Dublin, and the ensuing voyage on a sailing vessel to Grosse Isle during the

height of the famine."

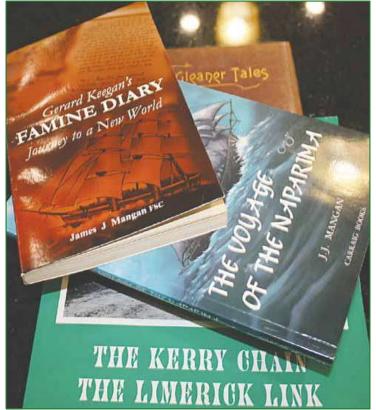
Another pair of distinguished Irish Studies scholars in Canada, Robert O'Driscoll and Lorna Reynolds, were so taken by Mangan's find that they included it in their widely-praised two-volume set, The Irish in Canada, published in 1988. They accepted Mangan's work as true social science instead of the fiction that it was.

Mangan also found a very positive reception in Ireland. Wolfhound/Dufour Editions released a new Irish edition in 1991 entitled Famine Diary: Journey to a New World. It listed Gerard (sic) Keegan as the book's author and claimed it, too, was a work of social science. It quickly became all the rage and rapidly climbed best-seller lists all over Ireland.

Meanwhile, back in Canada, Great North Productions of Edmonton quickly bought the book's international film rights and began developing a script for a TV miniseries. Nobody in Canada seemed to catch on.

But in the fall of 1991 Jim Jackson at the *Irish Times* newspaper finally said, *Not so fast!* Nor was *The Irish Literary* Supplement, an academic insert published by Boston College, much amused. Their book reviewer, Jacqueline Kornblum, wrote in the spring of 1992: "There is no question that Summer of Sorrow is fiction. Famine Diary should be reclassified accordingly.

Still, much of the non-academic world embraced James Joseph Mangan, who his Irish publisher touted as a distant cousin of James Clarence Mangan, a name surely meant to bring notoriety, if not credibility, to anyone with an inkling of Irish literary history. Ironically, one of Ireland's better young writers,



Composite shot of Mangan's books along with Seller's Gleaner Tales. No known photograph of James J. Mangan has yet been found. There was some indication that he was buried in Eganville but no tombstone has yet been found.



Brian Moore, and who had been living and working in Montreal, released a new novel, The Mangan Inheritance. It again reminded the Irish in both Ireland and Canada of the unimpeachable majesty of the Mangan name.

Everyone wanted to know more. Who was this James Joseph Mangan, cousin of James Clarence Mangan? And how did he, above all others, find such an historical treasure as that Keegan diary after nearly 150 years of relentless, fruitless searching?

First things first: Who was James Joseph Mangan?

That's easy. He was the grandson of Patrick Mangan of Mangan Lake in Admaston Township. He was born there on July 26th, 1907. But by the spring of 1917, nine-year-old James was bundled off to a new farm his father, Michael, had bought near Bulger's Corners. After attending a one-room schoolhouse in Wilberforce Township, the precocious young scholar was then shipped off to Aurora, Ontario where he was taught by the Christian Brothers at De LaSalle College.

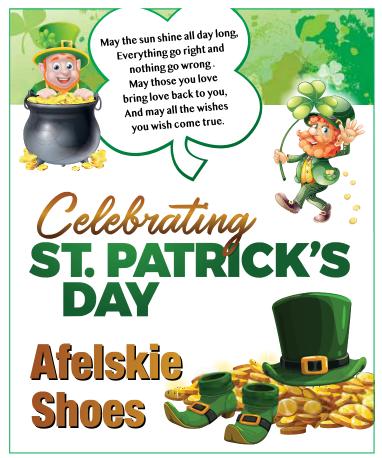
In fact, from 1921 to 1924 Bulger's Corners received more than its fair share of mentions in The Aurora Banner, thanks to both the first-class scholarship and sporting championship of James Joseph Mangan. By the time he graduated, J.J. Mangan also decided upon his vocation and joined the Christian Brothers. He was not unique; his younger sister, Mary, also of Bulger's Corners, became Sister St. Macrina, a Grey Sister.

As Brother Osmund, James moved to Montreal and spent the next 25 years becoming fluently bilingual and working at St. Willibrord's, a parish school in Verdun run by the Christian Brothers. He again made the newspapers through his sporting and scholastic activity, for instance, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Ottawa as an extension student in the early 1950s.

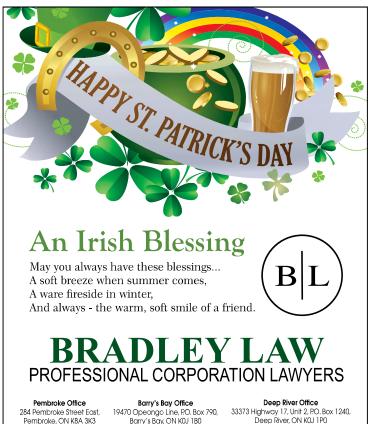
By 1957, however, he left Verdun and began teaching at the Cathedral School on Isabella St. in Pembroke and where he lived right next door. Eventually, by the early 1970s, he retired and took up his passionate avocation, researching Irish history. But by the time the furor broke internationally over his claiming of fiction as fact, he had once again left Renfrew County and moved to Toronto where he eventually died.

Meanwhile, in the fall of 2007, when James Joseph Mangan would have turned 100, Canada's leading Irish Studies scholar -- Dr. Mark McGowan, a professor of History and Celtic Studies at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto -- wrote a damning article in the Canadian Journal of Irish Studies. He considered James J. Mangan's Famine Diary "indisputably a work of fiction." Grudgingly, Professor McGowan also concluded that "such fabrications have provided lasting images that are not easily exorcised from... the popular collective memory...."

Put another way, once your man from Admaston swore he saw a leprechaun, there's no unseeing it!







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