

From the Desk of E.J. Graham,  
Mayor of Slate River Village...

As your Mayor nothing pleases me more than to see that as a community we have all worked hard to bring forth the changes I have vowed to you, the community from the beginning of my campaign.

Even with the heavy rain, crop output has never been better, the increased business from the train bringing us better farming supplies, fertilizer and even more wheat and grains from the prairies.

After the numerous break-ins to Mr. Shutner's General Store I have never been happier to see our community come together to ensure proper security.

I'm proud to say that we are putting Slate River on the map this year, increasing train travel. For now it is simply between Port Arthur and Fort William, but eventually we will have direct trains from Toronto and Winnipeg, making travel easier and bringing more visitors to our quant little village.

As your Mayor, I believe it is necessary to share our success stories with all who read our paper, and am proud to shine light on some of our hardest working townspeople. I've had the editor highlight some of our great individuals, hoping it will bring them better business and improve moral among our community.

Once again I would like to welcome visitors to Main St. North and hope you all enjoy your stay with us.

- E.J. Graham, Mayor

Letter from the Editor...

Thank you very much for visiting the Slate River Valley!

It is with great pleasure that I bring you the second issue of the Pioneer Gazette. The Mayor and I have been working very hard to bring back some of the things around the village that have long been forgotten, such as our local newspaper.

I'd like to take the time to thank all of the people within the village for their support and gracious hospitality as together we make Slate River a wonderful place to work and live!

- K.A. Clifford, Editor in Chief

## VILLAGE UPDATE

Thank you for taking the time to review our Village News and allowing us to share with you the updates and changes we have been working hard to accomplish. The revival of the Pioneer Gazette has been something we have been working hard at bringing back to the Village so that we have a clear way to communicate the locals stories, Village updates, and new displays we are working at bringing to the Museum site.

We hope that you enjoyed your visit and the opportunity to "Come Touch History" wish us and our local residents here on Main Street North.

- Founders' Admin. Team

### 2011 Changes Thus Far:

- ◇ Dairy Display (General Store)
- ◇ Pioneer Home—2nd Floor bedrooms now open to the public
- ◇ Pioneer Home—Dinning room now open to the public
- ◇ Free WIFI Internet
- ◇ New Caterer
- ◇ New Apparel
- ◇ New Gift Shop
- ◇ Website
- ◇ NEW LOGO:
- ◇ Office moved
- ◇ NEW Candy

### Volunteers Needed:

- ◇ Various Projects
- ◇ **Village Extras**
- ◇ Display Changes
- ◇ Special Events

Contact our Office or email:  
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# Pioneer Gazette

FOUNDERS' MUSEUM & PIONEER VILLAGE

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

- Community awareness: Please be on the look out for suspicious behavior from our friends and neighbors concerning the 4 recent thefts of the General Store
- Flour sale! Whole sack of flour \$0.15! Perfect for all your baking needs, see William in the General Store
- Calling all craftsmen! Annual Wood-cutting Competition set for July 29th!
- Farmer's Market July 1st.
- Carpenter Thomas Walsh from Port Arthur here to stay
- Walsh-Black wedding postponed—Walsh relatives unable to attend at this time

## HOME-TOWN BOY MAKES SLATE RIVER PROUD IN EGYPT

Hierakonpolis, Egypt— Slate River born Clarence Kirsch made his hometown proud this week as he joined a British-led excavation of Egyptian tombs in Hierakonpolis, Upper Egypt.

Kirsch, eldest son of our local lawyer and notary Samuel Kirsch left Slate River at the age of sixteen to pursue his study of Archaeology and Egyptology at Humboldt University of Berlin.

It was at the university that Kirsch met James E. Quibell, the leader of the Hierakonpolis excavation.

"We are so proud to hear our son is out in the field living his dream and making discoveries that will be known for years to come," says Kirsch's father.

Hometown sweetheart Jane Swan was overly excited to hear of Kirsch's success when she received a letter this



The excavation site in Hierakonpolis, Upper Egypt.

passed Thursday about his progress at the site.

"(Kirsch) And I were childhood friends and sweethearts. Even though he's been gone for the

last ten years I am always so proud and excited to hear about his adventures. He's always been fond of antiquities. It's wonderful to see someone from a small town can make such a large impact in history," says Swan.

Letters from Kirsch state that once his work is complete at the excavation site he plans on returning home to visit family and friends before continuing his work at several other Egyptian excavations.

"We are so anxious to see him. All of my sons look forward to hearing about his adventures, and he has some new younger brothers he's never even met who are so very proud of him," continues Kirsch's father.

## SLATE RIVER VALLEY WELCOMES NEW S.S. #1 CONMEE SCHOOL TEACHER

The community is more than happy to welcome Miss Margaret Greening to the Slate River Valley.

Miss Margaret arrived earlier this month from Toronto, where her family had just recently immigrated from Cardiff, Wales.

Miss Margaret has been teaching for

three years, since the age of fifteen, and attended Normal School for teachers back home in Wales.

"It's nice to have a chance to be away from home and further my career in a small, tight-knit community" Says Miss

Margaret.

The young teacher has signed a five-year contract with the village and has settled into the teacherage nicely. Miss Margaret looks forward to the start of classes in the fall.

### AROUND THE WORLD—EMPRESS ELISABETH OF AUSTRIA STILL TRAVELING

Vienna, Austria- Nine years after the scandalous suicide of her only son; Crown Prince Rudolf, Empress Elisabeth of Austria still remains estranged from her husband, Emperor Franz-Joseph. The Empress has been steadily travelling throughout Corfu, Budapest, Egypt, Belgium, Germany and is currently in Switzerland. It is said that the Empress's life is surrounded by a plague of death; her

eldest daughter Archduchess Sophie of Austria having died at the young age of two years old.

Sources say Elisabeth (known affectionately by her family as Sisi) has always been a tomboy, and had issues with conforming to royal etiquette after being married to her cousin Crowned Prince Franz-Joseph at the age of sixteen.

All of her children were raised by her mother-in-law , who saw Elisabeth as a "silly young mother". A rift was torn between her marriage to Franz-Joseph after the death of their eldest daughter.

Empress Elisabeth has been travelling, avoiding Vienna for the last 9 years, and seems content to do so until the day she dies.



The Late Crown-Prince Rudolf of Bavaria

### FACES OF SLATE RIVER: MARIE CUPP

*"An all-round doll of the village, loved by many,"*

Have a hole in your trousers? Need a quick mend or even a fancy new gown for that special occasion?

As a strong member of our community Marie Cupp has been the village Seamstress for the last three years. Taught how to sew by her mother, Marie has proven that her skill as a seamstress is unmatched.

An extremely talented young woman, Marie spent her winter sewing herself her own wedding dress.

Unfortunately earlier this spring her engagement to the former local carpenter, Alexander Williams was broken off after poor treatment and acts of infidelity. As a result his business was boycotted by the entire village, forcing him

to leave the village in search of business.

Marie is very fond of children, and has consistently volunteered for school fundraisers and events and is an all-round doll of the village, loved by many.

New to Slate River? Trust Marie to give you a great tour of our little village.

### BARN RAISING BEE

It's that time of year again, that's right, summer. Time for work around the farm to get busy, putting the animals out to pasture and helping your neighbors raise barns.

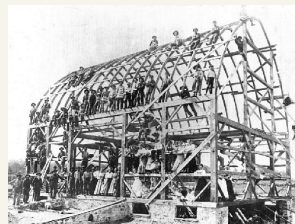
General Store owner William Shutner is in need of a new barn for his homestead and

is looking for friends, neighbors and volunteers to help him.

Carpenter Thomas Walsh has offered his services for building the frame but man power is still needed for raising the frame and putting on siding. Shutner plans to hold the

barn raising bee on the weekend of July 9th.

"It shouldn't be too much trouble to get help. When I called for help with building up security for the General Store, there were many generous hands there to help," says Shutner about his recent call to action.



Last year's barn raising bee at the Smith property.

### WALSH—BLACK WEDDING

It seems like only yesterday that the



Thomas Walsh, the new Village Carpenter and groom-to-be

village was grieving the passing of Jonathan "Man of Love" Black, whose funeral was held on May 27th.

There was some concern in the village over how Lilith and Mary Black were going to manage after Jonathan's death, but it seems as though all concern has been whisked away by the arrival of one young Carpenter.

Thomas Walsh arrived in Slate River on June 1st, following a wind-storm which left many of our homes in disrepair. Since the village unanimously

agreed to boycott our own local carpenter; Alexander Williams, Thomas' arrival to the village was a God-send in our time of need.

It wasn't long before Thomas proposed to widowed Lilith Black after seeing her struggles to care for her young daughter Mary.

"I could not be more pleased to join this family. Lilith is a beautiful woman, and Mary an exceptional little girl. I'd be more than happy to provide for them," Says Walsh about their upcoming wedding.

Ceremony date has yet to be determined.

### FACES OF SLATE RIVER: JOYCE SMITH

Do you own a set of china? If so you've probably met village china shop owner Joyce Smith.

Joyce is the oldest daughter of the Smith family, and decided to carry on the family tradition and work in the china shop with her mother.

In her spare time Joyce enjoys baking; which is good because she makes some of the best

cakes in the village! Her home where she lives with her husband is often frequented by visitors who just can't get enough of Joyce's teas, cakes and company.

Her smile is infectious, which must be good for business! Once you walk into the china shop you just can't help but buy something after a pleasant

conversation with Joyce! She is also a very active member of the community, often supplying her delicious treats for any occasion, always happy to share with others.

She has also been known to be one of the first on the scene when new comers visit us here in Slate River Valley, always willing to show them around

our quant little village, and discuss the coming and goings that happen in our daily life.

If you're lucky she may just treat you to tea and cakes!

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