

ANDREW HOUGH, son of Gerald and
Barbara, placed the flowers



Archdeacon F. Payne, Prescott
guest minister 1988



ew owner

Prescott's Gibson Funeral Home and Chapel has been sold to Grant Brown of Kemptville. Former owner Don Gibson, left, will stay on as an employee,

while funeral director Bill MacDonald, centre, will run the business. At the right is new owner Grant Brown.

MAY 1989

Staff photo - Hayes

*William G. MacDonald
W. Grant Brown
Funeral Directors*



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Following the tradition -
in this location - KEITH LOCKE
ANDREW BRITNELL ... DON GIBSON



Photo by
Corrine Murdock

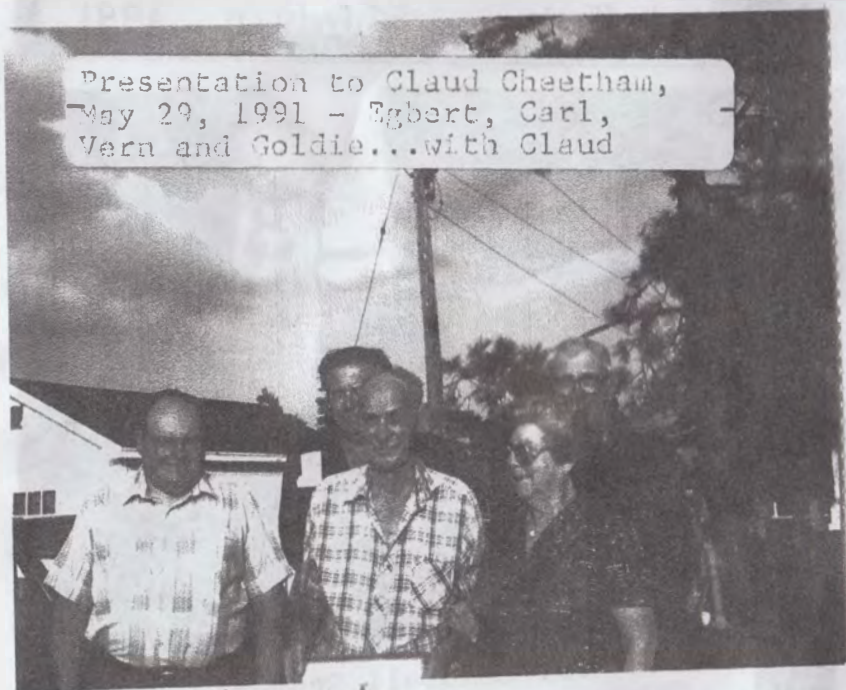
1989
Memorial flowers placed by
AMANDA JONES, Smiths Falls



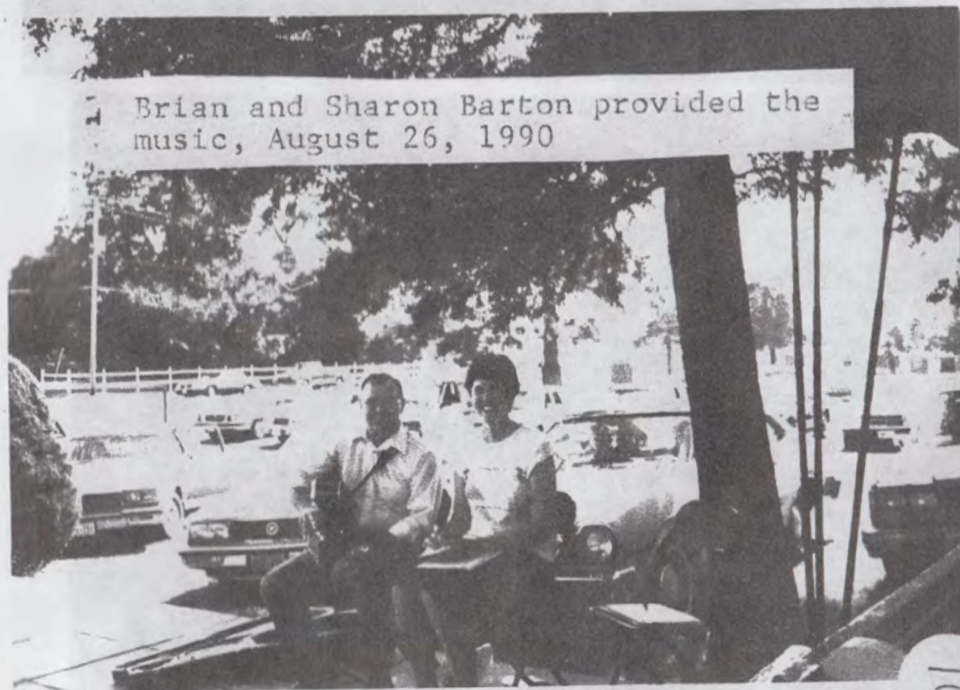
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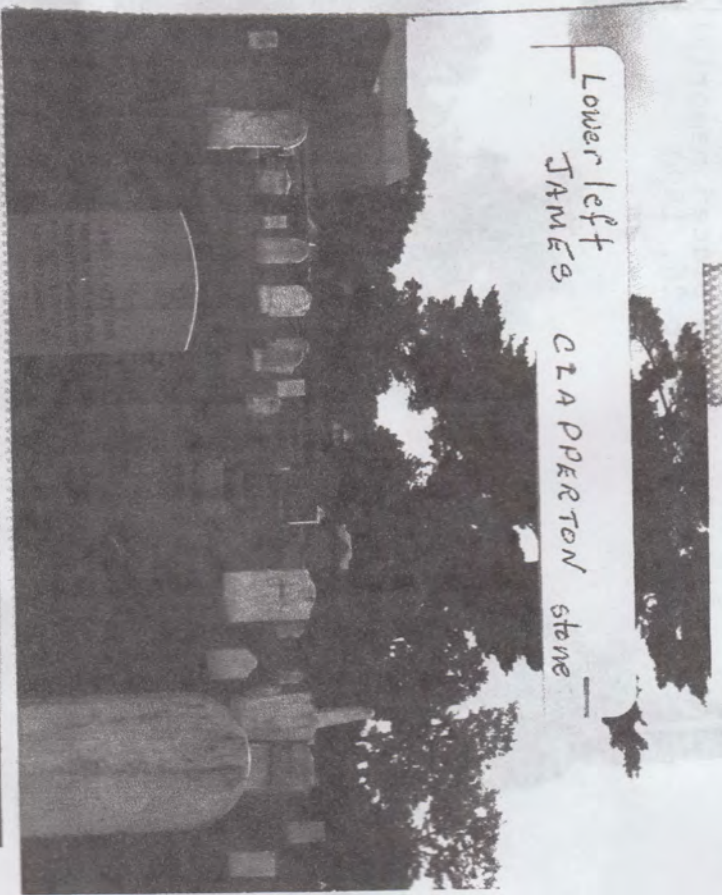
Rebecca Hubbard placed memorial flowers, August 26, 1990



Presentation to Claud Cheetham, May 29, 1991 - Egbert, Carl, Vern and Goldie...with Claud



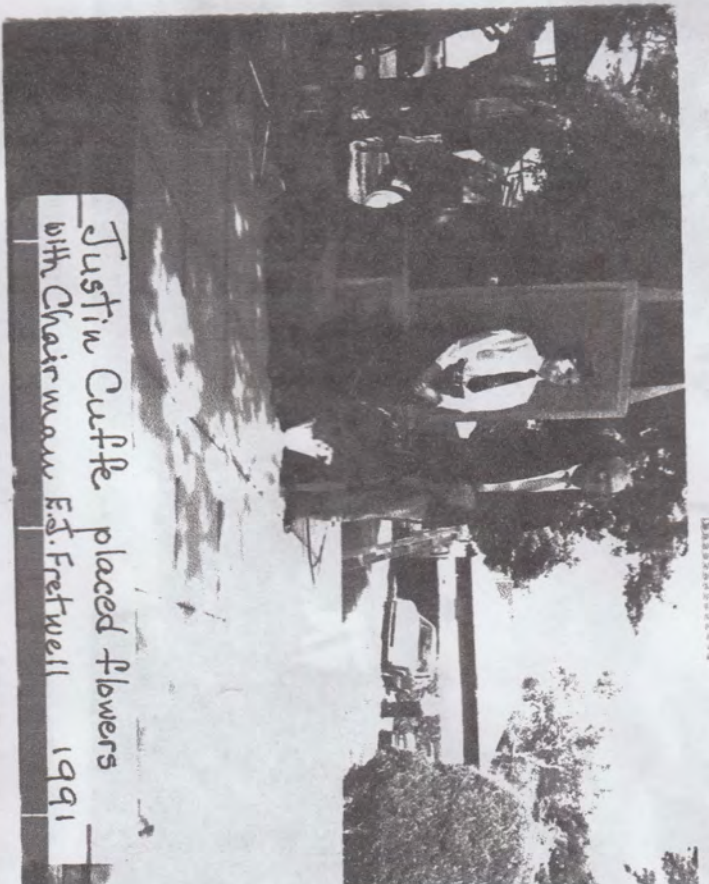
Brian and Sharon Barton provided the music, August 26, 1990



Lower left
JAMES CLAPPERTON stone



1725-1726



Justin Cuffe placed flowers
with Chairwoman E.S. Fretwell 1991



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End of an era *Monument business changes hands*

■ by Brett Todd
Journal staff

The Bowers name is no longer etched in stone.

An era officially came to an end on July 20 when Charlie Bowers sold the monument business that had been in his family for four generations and more than 100 years.

After 45 years of following in his family's footsteps, Mr. Bowers decided he wanted to devote more time to his hobbies. After finishing up some left-over stone work at area cemeteries over the next few weeks he hopes to concentrate on fishing, restoring a 1932 auto, birdwatching and reading.

Liz McCooye, who has worked in the stone-carving field since 1986, has purchased the business at the corner of Henry and George Streets. An Iroquois-area resident, Mrs. McCooye has a great deal of experience in working with granite as well as designing on both paper and stone.

She knows that she'll need all of her talents to live up to the standards set by the Bowers family.

"I want to try and continue with the excellent work that Charlie Bowers has done here," she says. "The good name and respectability of the Bowers will be

carried on."

Mrs. McCooye says the role the Bowers family has played in Prescott's past hit home when she considered removing a tree in the gravestone display yard.

She learned that the tree had been planted by Mr. Bowers' father and it was "as much of a monument as anything here (in the display yard)."

"I could never get rid of it now. It means so much to him (Mr. Bowers)."

The official name of the business, Prescott Monuments, Inc., will also remain unchanged.

Mrs. McCooye has no such qualms about making changes to other parts of the business. Upon moving in she started renovating the office both inside and out.

On the drawing board are plans for a workshop that will be fully supplied with modern stone-cutting and carving equipment. Eventually she hopes to be able to do a lot of her work on-site, although she knows that she will have to contract out for some jobs.

Another change will be made in the display yard, where more styles of monuments will be added.

Once all the changes have been made, Mrs. McCooye plans to hold an open house in August to let Fort Towners take a look around.



In Prescott, Ont., Fort Wellington Branch President Roy Lalonde presents \$1,000 to Maynard cemetery board member Goldie Connell and chairman Egbert Fretwell. The money goes to the cemetery's memorial fund.



Elegant headstones such as the one pictured above are still the stock-in-trade at Prescott Monuments. The tradition of fine work established by former owner Charlie Bowers is being carried on by new owner Liz McCooye, who began operating the century-old establishment



Presents cheque

Legion president Roy Lalonde presented the Maynard Cemetery board with a \$1000 recently. On hand to accept the donation were chairman of the board Egbert Fretwell and board member Goldie Connell.

This very welcome assistance will be invested in the Endowment Fund, the interest used for maintenance of the plot surrounding the Soldiers' Memorial Monument.

*The Legion
magazine
May 1993*

MAINTENANCE-- In June 1992, United Counties of Leeds & Grenville workmen cleared the ditch in front of the cemetery, and put in a new culvert at a lower level. This is intended to counteract flooding which occurs in a wet Spring. It should enable the water to run to the culverts which cross the road to drain into the Chippenhook Creek. Sod was laid to improve the appearance.

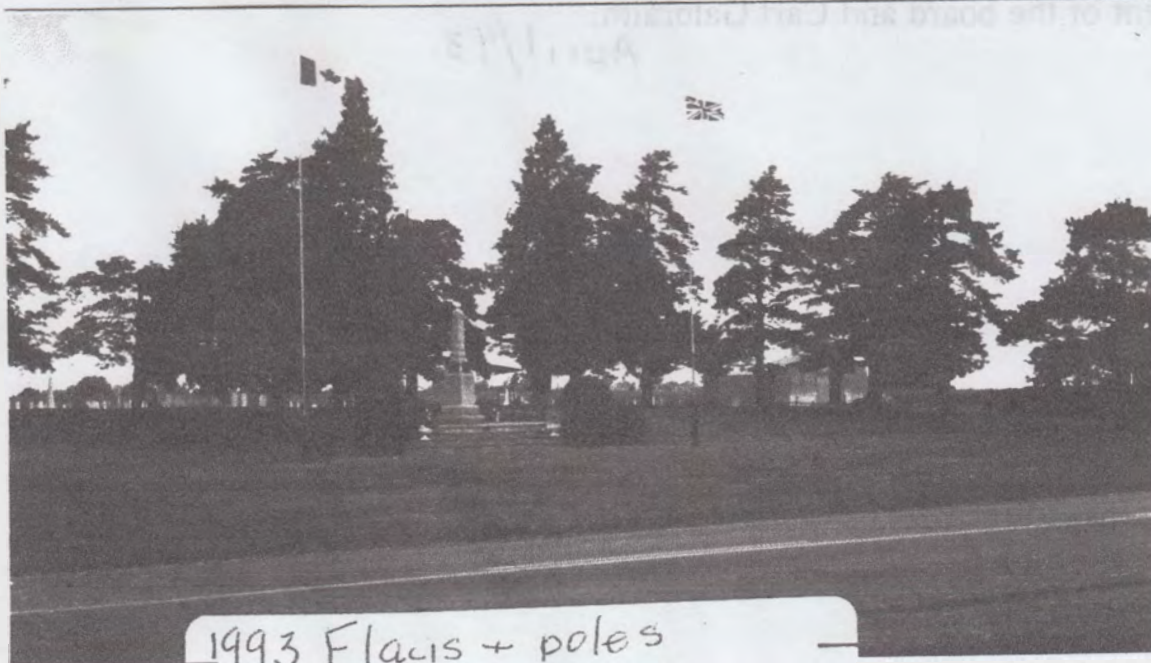


Cemetery Board Chairman, Egbert J. Fretwell,
with Tyler Cuffe who placed the memorial flowers
-Sunday, August 30, 1992



JOHN ROBINSON PLACING THE WREATH
 assisted by his father, Edward
 and Chairman Carl Durant

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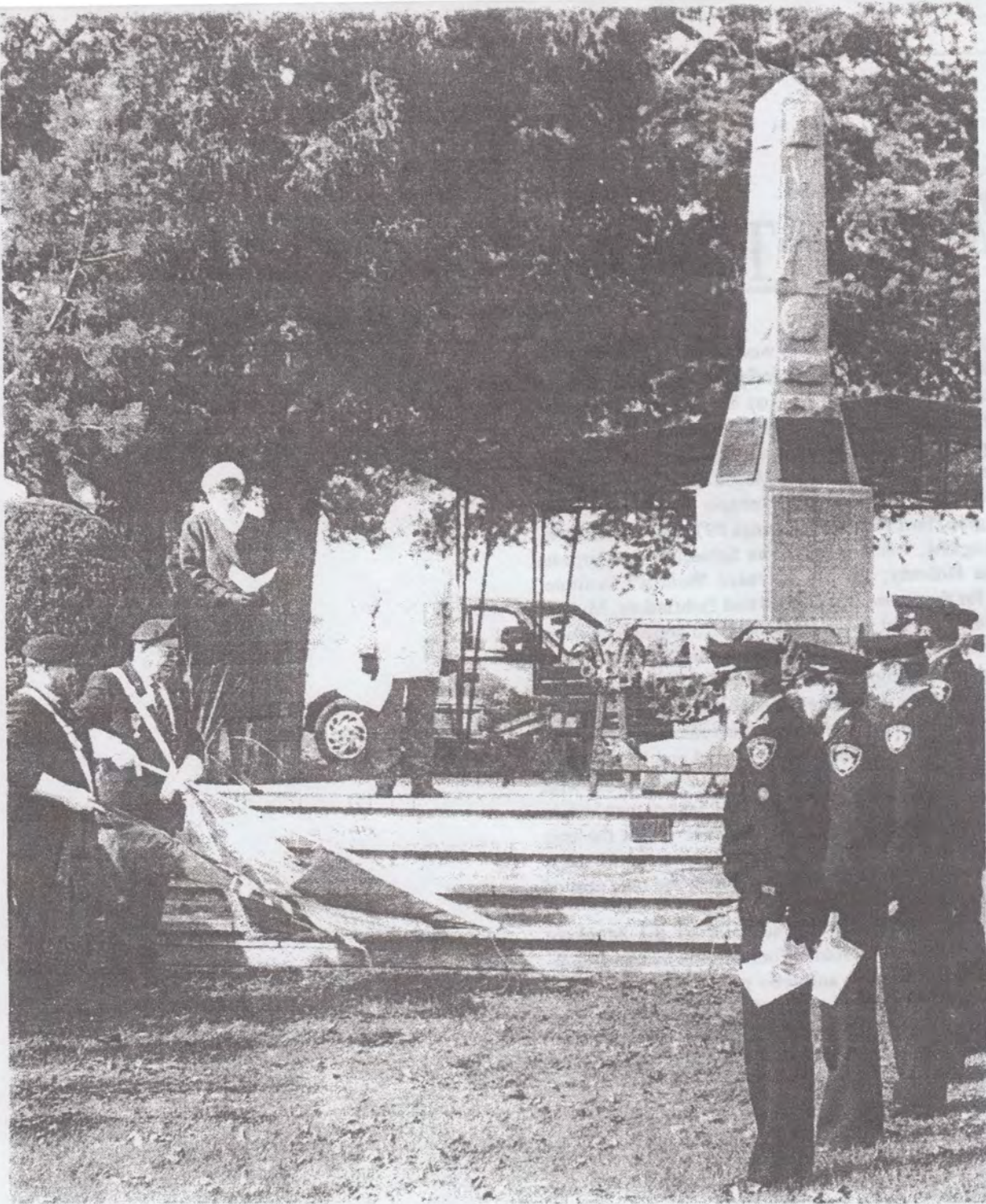
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cheque presented

,000 donation was presented to the Maynard Cemetery
of Directors from the Fort Wellington Branch of the Royal
dian Legion recently for the upkeep and maintenance of the
aph and surrounding area. The donation was made in
ory of Prescott and area veterans. From left, Goldie Con-
member of the board; Roy Lalonde, legion president; Egbert
vell, president of the board and Carl Galbraith.

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For home and country

The Maynard Women's Institute and Branch 97 of the Royal Canadian Legion held a Remembrance service on Sunday afternoon at the soldier's memorial monument at the Maynard Cemetery to pay tribute to the 35 Augusta Township men who sacrificed their lives fighting in the two World Wars. Wreaths were laid by the Royal Canadian Legion, Augusta Township, Province of Ontario, the Augusta Township FireFighters, Maynard Women's Institute and Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders. Remembrance Day services will be held today in Prescott, Spencerville and Cardinal commencing at 11am.

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