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*Port Maitland "Notice to Trespassers" Any person found trespassing on the property of the undersigned, at Port Maitland, or removing any article there from will be prosecuted. Signed by Wellington Thompson.*

This advertisement ran for several weeks in 1904. Wellington Thompson sounds like an angry man, but what is he so angry about? Wellington, better known as "Dilly" lived in a house on a bit of a hill in Port Maitland/Beckley Beach which would later become the summer cottage of my grandparents thus my father and his siblings. Today it is owned by the Cote family. Just below and to the lake side of Dilly's house lived a fellow by the name of Jim Siddall. Details are sketchy but it seems Dilly and Jim had one of those "it's my property – it is not, it is my property" battles going on and Dilly was publicly setting Jim up for a thrashing. I suspect Dilly had every intention that the thrashing would be a legal one, fought out in the Court House in Cayuga and he wanted everyone to know war was declared.

As it turned out, it would be settled in that Court House in Cayuga but not the way Dilly intended. The story goes that after several reconstructions of the fence by Jim; Dilly had just about had enough thank-you very much; and took his gun out to do some "Jim hunting." Jim moved that fence a foot or so north once to often and took a shot in the arm for his pains. (Pun intended.) Dilly took a ride to that Court House in Cayuga and then off to Jail for a few months! Dilly was born, along with his twin sister Elizabeth Isabel on December 15 1853, making him 51 years of age at this time. Odd as this might seem, I find Dilly Thompson a very appealing character who if properly researched would provide a writer a books worth of stories – both good and not so good! Stay tuned, for more about him in future articles.

Now to a photo needing your help! During my last stretch of journalism with the Chronicle I was asked by Betty Leslie of Lowbanks to help her identify a fellow in a Lowbanks hockey photo. I will tell you who the rest of the fellows are; you tell me who the man in the back row to the far left is. You know that fellow in the trench coat and the cool hat! Betty has asked everyone she could think of who might know him. It seems all but one of the fellows in the photo has passed into memory and unfortunately the only living member cannot remember him. If you know who he is please call Betty at 905 899-3884 or myself.

*On this day in history - Port Maitland*, The department of Railways and Canals is building a new and larger ferry to take care of the increased traffic across the river here.

I need your help! I would like to do a series about boats from the 1800's to about the 1950. Would you share any photos of old boats with their name included? If you know who owned them that is even better. They can be small or large, pleasure or work boats, ice boats, sail boats, fish boats, scows, barges, ships

you name it. All I require is that they may have sailed on the Grand River during these dates. And, I will need permission to use the photo and if possible the knowledge of who took the photo. If you will not let me use the photo(s) as I determine, then please do not frustrate me by sending them!

You may contact me by phone at 905 549-6086 or email me at [wwarnick@cogeco.ca](mailto:wwarnick@cogeco.ca) .

**Bob please place name under the photo – photo attached; Back Row left to Right Mystery man, Chuck Cook, Gerald Barrick, Murray Barrick, Gord Furry – still living, Hank Leslie, Murray Barrick Sr. Front Row Cliff Leslie, Bus Minor, Jim Cook, Lloyd Leslie, Stan Minor, Ken Minor.**

