

Heritage Award 2021

## Shirley Captain wins Lifetime Achievement Award

Morin Heights Historical Association has bestowed its highest honour on Shirley Dey Captain, awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021.

Shirley was an original member of the Association 25 years ago, and served as Director and both Secretary and Treasurer from 2003 to 2007. A resident of Lake Hughes in Mille Isles, Shirley, along with a few others, began the task of amassing archival material from this neighbouring municipality. Shirley later donated these Archives to the Morin Heights Historical Association, where they remain. Shirley volunteered at all early historical association events in Morin Heights, and sometimes participated in 19<sup>th</sup> century costume, (*see photo*) and remained a cheerful and dedicated supporter of the group.

One of Shirley's passions was ancestry, and over the years she created many scrapbooks of genealogical information on many of the early families of the region. These too were recently donated to the Association.

Shirley, of course, is directly related to many of the original Morin Heights families. Her mother, Olive Dey, was the daughter of Joseph and Dolly Seale. Joe was the Mayor for decades, ran the general store at the main village corner, and operated the sawmill, the town's main employer for over 50 years. Shirley's father, Melvin Dey, was the foreman of the mill operations. Shirley grew up in the old house directly across from the post office. (*pictured at right*).

We thank Shirley for her exceptional contribution to local history.

