

Week of May 11

Victoria Day

Why do we celebrate Victoria Day? The holiday is in honour of Queen Victoria who was born on May 24, 1819. It was declared a holiday in Canada by the government in 1845. When the Queen died in 1901 the holiday was officially named Victoria Day.

What did James Livingston have in common with Queen Victoria? They both had Homer Watson paintings featured in their castles. Our painting Old Mill and Stream, 1879 by Homer Watson has a sister painting The Pioneer Mill, 1880 that was given to Queen Victoria and is part of the Royal Collection Trust at Buckingham Palace.

Activity: What is your favourite landscape in Wilmot? Try your hand at a landscape painting of it or use a photograph from your favourite vacation. If you like post it to our [www.facebook@castlekilbride](https://www.facebook.com/castlekilbride) Learn more about the life of Homer Watson at www.homerwatson.on.ca

