



Stoney Creek Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER

Remember the Corman House

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This fine old house once stood on the west side of (20 Hwy.) centennial parkway near King Street. At the time of this picture it was owned by the McLeod family, who built their first service station at this corner. Records show that the house was built about 1814 – 1815 by **Squire Williamson** who owned several hundred acres of land in that area. Walls were three or four bricks thick, showing that time and material didn't enter into house building in those days the way they do in the present age. The joists of the house were, of course, hewed timbers. The home originally had 18 rooms, ceilings being 11 feet high.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER September 2019



Welcome to the 2019-2020 session of the Stoney Creek Historical Society (SCHS). We have a particularly exciting line up of guest speakers with informative topics for everyone to enjoy. We meet at the Municipal Centre, 777 #8 Hwy. Our Reference Library and Archive is evolving and growing, and is located at the Saltfleet Community Centre, 605 #8 Highway, and is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-4 or by appointment. Updates are on our website.

A special Congratulations to long time members and refreshment volunteers, Carolyn and Fred Briggs on their 60th wedding anniversary, celebrated 25 July 2019. In addition, Congratulations to Doug Nielsen, the Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year 2018.

Our condolences to the family of our first SCHS President, Leonard Metcalfe who passed 11 July, 2019. Mary Lewis was approached by Leonard in 1986 for her assistance in the creation of SCHS, and was greatly appreciative of his role in establishing our Society. Leonard gave us our logo “Remember the Corman House”.

We had a successful Walking Tour in May, participated in Strawberry Fest in June, been present at the Stoney Creek BIA's weekly Farmer's Market, Thursdays downtown from 4-7. A great way to meet people and old friends. Art in The Park(ing) lot took place on 17th August, and was a great success. Our thanks to Jillian Harris for making that happen. Pumpkinfest is our next event.

We were pleased to learn that the Millen Store has been placed on the register list by the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee. **Heritage Building preservation Fact:** When the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee approves putting a property on the “register”, it must also be approved by council before this can occur. When a property is on the register, it is acknowledged as being historically significant. If the owner requests a demolition permit, this status allows city heritage staff 60 days to photograph and record all historical features of the building and perhaps discuss alternatives to demolition. This status precedes designation, which is very different. Our next Newsletter will explain the requirements for designation.

Our fundraiser t-shirts “Just a Kid from Stoney Creek” have been very popular. You may have noticed them being sported during JazzFest by the musicians. Sizes: Toddler 2T & 5T. We have Youth size Large. In Adult, there is S,M,L,XL,XXL, and XXXL. I'm advised that they are being mailed to former Stoney Creek residents who live in other countries. Many are being purchased for birthdays and Christmas presents. Queenston Stationery sells our t-shirts and limited edition prints of historic Stoney Creek landmarks. Thank you Mario for your ongoing support.

SCHS would not be able to offer its services, Newsletter, and monthly meetings without paid memberships, both individual and business. Our business sponsors are acknowledged in our Newsletters. Thank you for supporting us.

As always, my thanks to all of you for your support, to our SCHS Volunteers for donating their time and energy, and to our Board of Directors for their interest and enthusiasm.

Greg Armstrong
President-SCHS

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The **Williamson house** was purchased by David E. McLeod in 1919 and the land around the home became the 20th century site of McLeod Motors, run by David and Gilbert McLeod. In it's later years the house was subdivided into apartments but destroyed by fire in the 1960's.



Above picture from 1931 shows the first gas station at King St. & 20 Hwy with the old house visible in background.

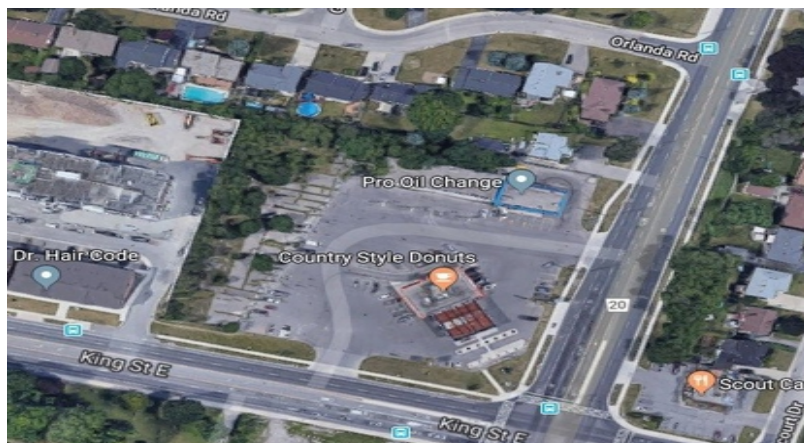
The McLeod family Mr & Mrs David E McLeod
3 sons Don, Gilbert and David (*all deceased*)
1 daughter Jean (*still living in town at Amica*)



Moving McLeod's lunch room bldg. down King to its new location at 53 King St. East.



King St west and Centennial Pkwy aerial view of McLeod Motors
Note: McLeod school buses parked where old house once stood.



Nowadays we have the Husky gas station and Country Style donuts.

McLEOD'S SERVICE STATIONS

Highway 20 - - Phone Win. 245 R 11
 Lake Ave. - - Phone Win. 245 R 21



CAR WASHING . . . LUBRICATION

But wait we have an advertisement in our 1940 Stoney Creek Directory which shows another service station at Lake Ave.



Opening of McLeod's gas station at the corner of Lake Ave. And King St. East
 (date circa 1937 but no information readily available as to when they sold)

From our March Newsletter
MAY ERECT GARAGE

“Upon inquiry it was learned last evening that the property upon which the old Canada house stands will in all probability be the site for a modern garage where travellers can secure the best of attention for their road miseries. The land is owned by A.C. Springstead, who stated that it was not and would not be offered for sale under any consideration. A bank made an attractive offer for the corner with the intention of erecting a modern building which was refused.”



Another picture of Gil and Dave standing in front of the gas pumps at King & Lake gas station. Picture was dated 1937



Gil McLeod pumping gas in front of original gas station at King & Twenty then Dave McLeod a few years later doing some yard work a little further west on King St. (Note behind Dave is the white farm house of Harry Smith on south east corner of the intersection with the smoke from the train engine TH & B as it climbs the hill)



A very young Dave and Gil at the pumps in front of lunch room King St . E.



McLeod Plumbing |& Heating Limited stood a little further up King West and was run by brother Don McLeod. (Note 4 trucks)

Upcoming Speakers at Stoney Creek Historical 2019

- Wednesday, Sept 4** **at 7:00 pm** **Speaker: Dr. Jay Young**
Topic: DEAR SADIE; love, lives and
remembrance from Ontario's first world war
- Wednesday, Oct 2** **at 7:00 pm** **Speaker: Dave Patterson, the 1492 guy**
Topic: 500 years of lies
- Wednesday, Nov 6** **at 7:00 pm** **Speaker: Julie Brown - Webber**
Topic: History of Brown's Funeral Home

The Stoney Creek Historical Society's Archives and Reference Library is located at 605 Highway 8. We are generally open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1pm - 4pm. Visitors and researchers are always welcome. Please come and join us.

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