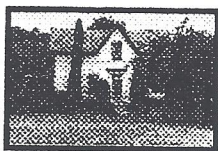


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NEWSLETTER

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EARLY INNS of SALTFLEET

by Dorothy Reid

When Saltfleet was surveyed in 1788, the beach strip was reserved as a military area and remained crown property until 1884. Built by the government of Upper Canada in 1794 on the eastern end of the beach strip, "The King's Head" or "Government House" served as a military position and communication post. Standing at the junction of three Indian trails, the oval sign over the door welcomed travellers from Niagara, York (Toronto) and London. "King George III of Great Britain" was painted on one side of the sign and on the other "King's Head Inn 1794". The proprietors were Augustus Jones, William Lottridge and lastly William Bates. It was commandeered by Major Samuel Hatt during the war of 1812. The garrison stationed there was forced to retreat to Burlington Heights when on May 10, 1812, the American schooners "Governor Tompkins" and "Conquest" attacked from the lake.

In a clearing by the creek that ran south to north between present Gray's Road and Lake Avenue, on the old trail, (now King Street), there stood two log cabins. Brady's on the south side of the road, later became the site of the Exchange Hotel, and The Inn owned by Stephen Jones on the north side later became known as the Acacia House. The Exchange was destroyed by fire, but the adjacent windmill, which was used to pump water from a well to the hotel, remained for many years. The Acacia was a frame, three storey building with a verandah across the front, when E. M. McMillan was the proprietor in 1875. It appeared to be for sale, when one views the historical artist's conception of it in the atlas of that year.

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JOHN WILLIAM PELL

It is with sadness The Society reports the death of John Pell on January 8, 1995.

John had been an active member of the Stoney Creek Historical Society from our establishment in 1986.

HERITAGE WEEK FEB 19 - 25

Heritage week celebrations begin **Sunday February 19th.** at Stoney Creek City Hall, at 2.00 P.M. everyone is welcome to attend.

FROM THE EDITOR:

This is the first anniversary of the Historical Society's newsletter. The response from members and others has been very positive to the publication, and we hope to continue to give you interesting little tid-bits from the past, as well as try to keep you informed of to-days happenings.

The Billy Green book has been on sale for one year, a great success for us , and thanks in part to the promotions by James Elliott the sales continue.

Many thanks to Judy and Gerry Heeringa for opening their beautiful home to the members at Christmas. The people who attended had a very enjoyable evening.

Heritage week in Stoney Creek, begins Sunday February 19th at City Hall , with a program and awards beginning at 2.00 PM. there are lots of seats so try to attend.

Ron Place

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members.

Irene & Doug Dean, Anne Franz,

Bud & Helen Green, Bing and Georgina Harris.

(From November 1994 issue of the Readers Digest)

At a parent information night at our high school, one parent in the audience raised his hand. "I haven't heard one word about history to-night," he lamented. "Has history become a thing of the past?"

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Account balances to January 15 1995
GENERAL ACCOUNT \$ 778.42
MUSEUM FUND \$ 5041.75
PUBLISHING FUND \$ 4020.73

OOPS WE GOOFED:

In our last newsletter, the article on Friends of Battlefield Museum by Bill O'Reilly, it was reported that John Hencher was the First President. This should have been Anne Franz as the first President.

SORRY ANNE

--Early Inns of Saltfleet Cont.--

William Davis, the son of William Davis and Hannah Phillips who had settled in Saltfleet Township at Albion Mills, owned Red Hill House, an inn situated on the east side of Red Hill Creek on King Street which at that time was part of Saltfleet. This terrain has completely changed with the construction of new roads. Part of the hotel was moved to Pottruff Road about 1950 when the Hamilton Parks Board bought 11 3/4 acres of the Spera farm to install a sewer system to drain sewage from the mountain area. Descendants of William Davis Jr. told of the soldier's wounds being treated at the house and that British Colonels Harvey and Murray boarded here during the war of 1812.

Canada House (a three storey frame building) was built about 1832 on the north-east corner of King street and Lake Avenue which is presently the site of the Big V Drugstore. The hotel was torn down sometime in the 1920s or early 30s and was the site of a service station until the late 1970s.

In 1835 those reported to have received licenses to serve liquor in Saltfleet were: E. B. Place, D. Kempenburg, Seth Davis, A. Smith, Betsy McGee, Caleb Marlatt and in Stoney Creek N. Devereux, W. Stephenson, and W. Comfort.

Innkeepers of Saltfleet in January 1852 (census) were:

Francis and Jean Boulder, James & Dorothy Waddell, Caleb & Amanda Marlett, David & Cath'n Hawley, Elizabeth Place, George & Jane Barrett, Jon'th P. & Rachel Cline, George & Sarah Pettit, Daniel & Emiline Davis, Nathaniel and Mary Bloodsworth, James & Margaret Forshee, and F. Sterling.

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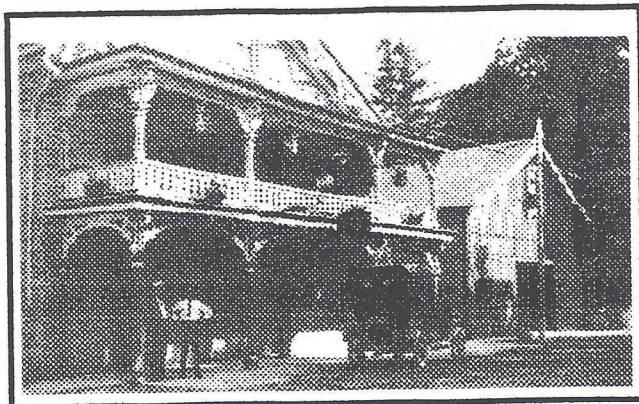


FUTURE SPEAKERS!

February 2nd. Paul James McWhinney, -Tall Tail Cards, The story of exaggeration as told by a postcard.

March 1st. Margaret Houghton, - Gore Park and the Fountain.

April 5th. Ernie Seager, - Show and Tell, on Hobby Cane Whittling. If you have this type of cane, bring it along.



This photograph of the Acacia House is one of many old photographs donated by Mrs. Marvin Sackrider to the Historical Society. It has, as with most of them, little information as to origin and date so it will take considerable effort to try to identify them.

This photo, when enlarged through the wonders of computer, is identified by a sign hanging over the front of the building as "THE GUEST INN" which in Dorothy Reid's article was known as "The Inn", later to become the "ACACIA HOUSE". The time period was established with the help of Ivan Black who was able to identify the car as a 1918 Model T Ford, and the year circa 1919 by the type of hat worn by the gentleman on the left.



NEW! NEW! NEW!

Beginning with this newsletter, we are introducing two new columns, "**HUNTING FOREBEARS,**" by Dorothy Reid. Genealogical questions are welcomed by the Stoney Creek Historical Society. Dorothy Reid, a member of the Ontario Genealogical Society since 1976 and also a member of the Stoney Creek Historical Society will attempt to answer your queries.

Your query should be printed clearly on an 8" X 11" sheet of paper, and mailed to the Society postal box. Be concise and specific. Answers to your queries will appear in the newsletter, however, if you include a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) you will receive a reply by mail as well. Although we cannot do searches for you, we can attempt to find an answer or direct you to a source where the answer may be found.

also

"CHARLOTTE BRONTE,"

This column will be submitted by Juanita Mitchell. Writings from Charlotte Mary Pickard (*Juanita's Grandmother*) who wrote for the Toronto Star during 1920-1930 under the name of "**CHARLOTTE BRONTE,**" she writes about homely happenings and some history she heard from her mother, who arrived in Halifax in 1836.

REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

by Roel Van der Meiden

We hope all members of your Society have had a very nice and peaceful Christmas, if "peaceful" can be applied to Christmas any more. It seems, everyone is doubly busy to prepare for this event.

This certainly can be said of Battlefield House. Knowing that we were to entertain around 1500 children in the last five weeks before schools closed, there was a lot of preparation to be done. As many gingerbread cookies had to be baked and icing cones to be made. Two easy crafts had to be prepared, one for younger children and one for the older ones. Apart from these two activities, a game had to be played with them and old-fashioned toys to be shown. We are gratified to know, that the tours were enjoyed, both by teachers and children.

We also had quite a few bus tours to visit us. These visits were part of the "Hundred Years of Christmas" tours, which included visits to Dundurn Castle and Whitehern. These tours also included a lunch at a nice restaurant.

As usual, we had our three Candlelight Evenings on December 7, 14 and 15, which were very successful.

These were very busy weeks, indeed. We are very grateful to our volunteers, who never fail to come to our assistance when we need them.

Now, that we are in the new year, we are closed for a couple of months. Battlefield House is undergoing some much-needed restoration. We are quite excited about the improvements this will make to the house. We will leave it to the next Newsletter to tell you all about that.

May you all have a very good New Year.



HUNTING FOREBEARS

DEAN/HOWELL: Samuel Dean, my great-great grandfather, born 1779, married Ruth Howell from Sussex N.J. 1802. Died Apr. 1841 in Saltfleet, Wentworth County, Ontario, buried at Grimsby. Free land grant, 1802. I need his birth-place, and date; names and location of his ancestors. I am willing to share my information re his descendants.

Please contact Gordon Dean, 20 Plateau Place, Stoney Creek, Ont. L8G4J2 Phone: 905-662-1010.

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Seeking information on Fred and Gladys Hamilton, former owners of the Royal Oak Dairy in Hamilton, who owned a cottage on Winona Park Road during the 1930s and 40s, the cottage next door was owned by Gladys's brother Dr. and Mrs Tim Eaton.

Please contact J.A. Hamilton 1370 35th Avenue East, Vancouver, B.C. V5W1C1.

CHARLOTTE BRONTE

(First Dominion Day 1867) (this piece written in 1946 when Charlotte was 90 years old.)

"I was so glad that the name Dominion Day is to continue and not changed to that odious Canada Day. Dominion Day sounds just right euphonious to the ear, while Canada Day makes one stutter to pronounce it." ----- "It is about the first Dominion Day I want to tell, seventy-nine years ago my mother took my brothers and me to the next town, I believe it was Oakville, to see the celebrations. We walked 4 miles as did many others of this village, while at the time it was just a Hamlet.

It was a wonderful day. A ship was launched. The town volunteers fought a sham battle. The band played and there were games. Oh! I cannot enumerate all the doings of that memorable day. And I am glad it will always be Dominion Day."

(submitted by Juanita Mitchell)



MEMBERSHIP

I am happy to report that during the 1994 season, we have been fortunate to have 22 new members join our group. It is very noticeable at our monthly meetings with 30 and 40 people in attendance. Part of this I'm sure is because of the excellent speakers Barbara Green has been able to acquire for us. The membership now stands at 58 members. If you are not happy with the way your Society is doing things, please tell us. If you are happy, tell friends and bring them to a meeting.



ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The annual meeting was held January 4th. This also was election time for

PRESIDENT
TREASURER
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

No candidates stepped forward, and the incumbents agreed to continue on in their present positions. Mary Lewis will continue for one more year as President. Ron Place was moved to 1st Vice President, and Lloyd Corman to 2nd. Vice President. Harry Brown to Canada Flag Day Committee.

From The Hamilton Spectator Aug 11, 1892
 District News, Stony Creek. (*reproduced as written.*)
 " R. Squire has begun tearing down the waddel brick,
 prepatory to erecting a fine , new, substantial Town Hall
 which when completed will place Stony Creek on equal
 footing with other villages in this county in respect to Public
 Halls."
 (*submitted by Dorothy Reid*)

FROM THE PAST

The following is from the minutes of the **second** meeting of
 the Wenworth Historical Society in Stony Creek.

February 21st 1908

The second regular meeting of this society was held in the
 Parish Hall. There were 16 men and 5 women present.
 President Corman in the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which
 were adopted.

Considerable correspondence was read, including letters
 from Mr. John Gardner

- re - forming of the Branch.

- " - re - deputation to Toronto.
- " - re - appointment of Trustee for Lot.
- " - re - deputation to visit their branch.

Mr J.H. Land, Secretary of W.H.S. congratulating branch
 being formed and wishing us success.

Mrs.Fessenden - asking to become a member.

Mr. J.W. Beaumont - resigning office of Secretary Treasurer.

All correspondence was received and adopted.

Secretary-Treasurer- Moved by J.W.Green, seconded by
 D.McInnes, that the resignation of J.W.Beaumont be
 regretfully received. Carried.

Deputation to Toronto Gov't.- Moved by W.G.Davie,²
 seconded by R.E.Glover, that a deputation, according to the
 wishes of the Veteran's Association, be sent to Toronto re
 Matters of Monument, the deputation to consist of the
 President, Erland Lee, J.W.Green and to go with the Hamilton
 deputation on Tuesday next and appear before the Provin-
 cial Gov't. monument for Soldier's Plot. Carried.

Other Business- Moved by J.W.Green, seconded by
 D.McInnes, that the Secretary send a letter of thanks to Mr.
 Sutherland, Stony Creek, for flag pole kindly donated by
 him also to Mrs. Fessenden for the flag she kindly gave to
 this Society. Carried.

Moved by W.G.Davis, seconded by A.C. Springstead, that
 this Branch enter heartily into the work of converting
 Smith's Knoll into a fit and proper condition to erect a
 monument and that we do all we can to assist the Hamilton
 Veterans and Wentworth Historical Society to carry out their
 plans in connection therewith. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Beaumont, seconded by Erland Lee, that
 this Branch invite a deputation from the Hamilton Veterans
 and Wentworth Hist. Society to visit us at our next meeting,
 Friday Feb.28 at 8 P.M. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Beaumont, seconded by Mr. W.G.Davis,
 that Mrs. Fessenden's name be added to the Ex.Com.
Carried.

NIGHT OF MEETING

The treasurer announced that the annual was 25 cents. 15
 responded and were accepted as members. We now have a
 paid up membership of 20.

The President expressed a wish that we try and get as many
 as we can to join this Branch, women as well as men, and
 that all endeavour to make this Society a great success. He
 hoped everything would be in readiness to have a great day
 on May 25th when he thought the ground would be set
 apart in memory of those gallant soldiers who lay buried
 there.

There being no further business, it was moved by
 A.C.Springstead, seconded by P.H.Van Wagner, that we
 adjourn. Carried.

Secretary - W.G.Davis
 President - W.E.Corman



ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME:

COMINGEVENTS

The Erland Lee (Museum) Home will be open on Sunday,
 April 2. Normal business hours are Monday to Friday, 10
 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is
 \$2.00 per person, except on special events days. For
 additional information about events or other inquiries, please
 phone(905)662-2691.

**Saturday, April 8: All you can eat PANCAKE EXTRA-
 GANZA!** Join us at the Lee for an all you can eat blowout of
 pancakes and real m-maple syrup| The cost is \$4.00 per
 person and runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. As always, included
 in your admission is a tour of our Victorian Home and 1870's
 Drive House. Special displays and exhibits related to the
 season will also be available for viewing.

Saturday, May 6: Hands on Heritage Craft Day. Once again
 the Erland Lee Home will be offering courses in Silk Ribbon
 Embroidery, Herb Gardening, Counter Cross Stitch, Decora-
 tive Painting and Tatting. Pre-registration before Friday,
 April 21 is required. Forms are available from the Museum.
 For further details call (905) 662-2691

(by Mary Kneebone)

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1995**

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VISITORS WELCOME



MEETINGS ARE HELD AT STONEY CREEK CITY HALL, SALT FLEET ROOM
1st. WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING AT 7.30 pm. SEPTEMBER TO JUNE
COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW

1995 MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

(Please print)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt.: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Families: (List names of family members) _____

Membership Dues: Family \$15.00 Single: \$12.00 Student/senior \$7.00 Association: \$20.00

(Please check) _____ Renewal: _____ New:

Membership Term January 1st. to December 31st.
Please complete this application and make your cheque payable to

The Stoney Creek Historical Society
P.O. Box 66637 Stoney Creek On. L8G5E6

SOME SALTFLEET RESIDENTS

1875

The following people were residents who had property on the beach and were enumerated in Saltfleet, Sub-Division No. 1

and those who had property on broken fronts in the same sub-division:

Abrahm Chas.	Hamilton Beach
Armstrong, D.	Stoney Creek Beach
Armstrong, Thos.	“
Birely, Noris	“
Campbell, (Capt. sic) T.	“
Corey, Fred N.	“
Dynes, John	“
Fitch, David	“
Fould, Ben	“
Martin, Thomas	Bartonville Beach
McGilvery, Dun.	“
McGuin, Daniel	“
Perry, Joseph	Stoney Creek Beach
Potkins, Wm.	Bartonville Beach
Randall, T. S.	Bartonville Beach
Rolls, Alex.	“
Smith, William	Stoney Creek Beach
Thomas, John	“

Anderson, Chas
 Bates, John
 Bates, Louis
 Bates, William
 Church, Samuel
 Donaldson, Chs.
 Gage, John
 Ghent, John
 Harris, Elisha A.
 Harris, Geo. E.
 Jones, N.
 Jones, Thoms.
 Jones, Wm.
 Lottridge, Geo.
 Lottridge, Wm. A.
 Lutz, Jos. D.
 McKay, James
 Millen, Geo.
 Mitchell, David
 Pettit, Elias
 Towers, David
 Utter, Henry
 Van Wagner, P. S.
 Williamson, Hy.

Grimsby BF 1, lot 21
 Hamilton BF, lot 31
 Hamilton BF, lot 31
 Hamilton BF, lot 31
 Stoney Creek BF 1, lot 21
 Stoney Creek BF lot 23
 Hamilton BF lot 20
 Bartonville BF lot 32
 Hamilton BF lot 34
 Hamilton BF lot 33
 Stoney Creek BF lot 34
 Stoney Creek BF lot 34
 Stoney Creek BF lot 34
 Stoney Creek BF lot 29, 30
 Stoney Creek BF lot 30
 Stoney Creek BF lot 26, 27
 Bartonville, BF lot 26, 27
 Stoney Creek BF lot 18
 Stoney Creek BF lot 20
 Stoney Creek BF lot 18
 Stoney Creek BF lot 23
 Stoney Creek BF lot 17
 Stoney Creek BF lot 25, 26
 Stoney Creek BF 1, lot 22

** NOTE **



Next newsletter will be issued at the May 3rd. meeting.
 Please submit material for inclusion as early as possible. Deadline is **APRIL 15th.**

