



Remember the Corman House

Stoney Creek Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER

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TWEEDSIDE:

From Saltfleet Then and Now:

1792 - 1973

Among the various communities dotting the township there are only two which are known by the surnames of early settlers. These are Tapleytown and Tweedside. Tapleytown was named for Colonel Tapley but from one end of Saltfleet to the other, one does not find people by the name of Tapley living within its boundaries. There may be family connections but none by the name of Tapley.

On the other hand Tweedside named in honor of the Tweedle family, who were early settlers, one finds a multitude of residents by the name of Tweedle both below and above the escarpment. Connections of this family, still bearing the name of Tweedle, live in Hamilton, Freelon, Carlisle, Kilbride as well as other areas of Wentworth and farther afield. This family had its beginning in Saltfleet when Jane Gillespie, widow of Archibald Tweedle, left Carlisle, Cumberland County in the north of England to seek a more healthful climate for herself and fourteen children.

Tweedside is a quiet, progressive farming community situated on Mud Street in Saltfleet's eastern area on the escarpment. In the growing season the various farms present a glowing picture of waving grainfields interspersed by areas of vineyards, orchards and pastures for the grazing farm animals. This quiet scene is often broken by the sound of tractors. In the early days oxen were used to draw the farm machinery and as a rule horses were used for travel on the roads.

Mud has a squelshy sound and until the road was stoned Mud Street earned all the derisive adjectives its travellers uttered when describing it. Mrs. J. E. Payne, the former Ella Tweedle, remembers that in the spring a car to get to Tweedside had to travel on the stone road to Vinemount and then by other methods travel along Mud Street to Tweedside. In the spring of 1919 she went with her father to the Hamilton Hospital by car to meet her mother, who had been a patient there, and take her

home. As usual in the spring of the year the way home was to Vinemount by the Stone Road and then back to Tweedside. Mrs. Payne's brother met the car at the Stone Road and Mud street. The road was so muddy that it was impossible for the horse to pull the four Tweedles on such a miry road so Father drove, Mother sat beside him and the two young Tweedles squelshed through the knee deep mud behind the slow moving vehicle for the mile and a quarter to their farm driveway.

Throughout the years Tweedside has had different systems for mail delivery. In the first period the mail was dropped off at the railway station in Winona and taken by horse hitched to a light wagon up the Fifty Road to Ridge Road where the Vinemount mail was dropped off and taken to Jake Pettit's house a short distance away. Then the carrier continued on his way and left another bag at Tweedside. Mail Carriers at that time were Mr. Ramsbottom and J. E. Etherington. Miss Annie Johnston remembers pigeon holes in her grandfather's house where the mail was deposited. Miss Johnston's grandfather, Stewart Johnston, had a blacksmith shop in Tweedside at 11th Road for many years. Stewart Johnston worked at his trade until just before he died in 1918.

The Johnstons were of Scottish descent from the north of Scotland. They first settled in the United States and came to Canada as United Empire Loyalists. They originally settled in Vinemount where descendants of the family still live.

On the first of February 1861 a post office was established in Tweedside. George Hart, Senior, was the first postmaster and the kitchen of his home became the office. The mail was still dropped off at the Winona Station and taken to the various offices in the area in a wagon pulled by a horse. Some of these offices were Vinemount, Tweedside, Fulton, Abingdon and Caister. Alfred Bissell became the mail carrier after J. E. Etherington and he was followed by Enoch Shaw. During Mr. Shaw's term around 1915 the Tweedside Post Office was closed

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NEW MEMBER:

We are happy to welcome to our membership
Elm Grocery & Deli, David Lyons, David Meadows (Town Crier),
Grant Shaw, Diane Simpson,

*This Newsletter
is sponsored by
Member
Audrey Guthro*

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

This is the second newsletter published since we became part of the "The New City of Hamilton" and I ask how this will affect us in the future? How long will we be allowed to use the Saltfleet Room? I'm sure our taxes will rise so Hamilton can rebuild it's much neglected infrastructure. Our municipality had flaws, but it was a reasonably well run city as were the surrounding towns eg.: Dundas -Ancaster - Glanbrook. Isn't it great to have a say in where you wish to live? Thanks Mike.

When regional government formed the City of Stoney Creek January 1, 1974 Winona - Vinemount - Fruitland - Tapleypoint, retained their identity. Now! with amalgamation I know the population of our *great City of Stoney Creek* shall always be *Stoney Creek*. Our history demands it.

The Stoney Creek Historical Society members have once again been invited by Anna and Ed Orr to hold the **Potluck Picnic** at their home at **1376 Highway #8 on Friday June 8th**. Social time will begin at **5.30 pm**. with supper at **6.00 pm**. Your phone contact will be in touch with further details.

This will be our final function until Wednesday September 5 at Stoney Creek City Hall.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Ron Place

ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

by Michael Gemmell

The Stoney Creek model train display (closes May 20), built for March Break, was tremendously popular, more than doubling the March 2000 attendance figures. The museum also had an extremely successful Maple Syrup Day and Pancake Breakfast, thanks in large part to the support of the Historical Society. A new record 250+ people visited the 1897 Women's Institutes birthplace site. Sincere thanks also go out to those SCHS members who volunteered in the museum and kitchen.

The Erland Lee Museum nominated two members from our community for a **2001 Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Volunteer Award**. *Barbara Oldfield* of Vinemount was nominated for her many years of service to the Erland Lee Museum; firstly as a member of the museum's governing committee, and secondly for continued donation of time with special events and other programming. *Judy Lyons* of Stoney Creek was nominated for her work in preserving the museum's quilt block collection and for volunteering with school programs, teaching children the art of quilting. The Erland Lee Museum is looking for volunteers interested in helping catalogue the artifact collection and is also interested in finding people who would like to be part of the museum's Stoney Creek Flag Day float.

Plans are already afoot for an addition to the Erland Lee Museum's Stoney Creek History display. A new audio-visual component will be produced for the end of August 2001. It will feature sound clips of the historical society's members discussing Stoney Creek's past, map and picture selections scanned into the computer, and a list of current archival and reference materials available in the Stoney Creek area. This new addition has been greatly enhanced by two recent donations:

1. A computer to run the display was donated by *Dave FitzGibbon* of Stoney Creek
2. The *Winona Men's Club*, with the Historical Society, donated \$600 to help pay for construction/copying costs.

The museum was also the beneficiary of another recent \$300 donation from the Zonta Club of Hamilton II, which provided funds to purchase a new air conditioner unit for the main building, part of the museum's ongoing site upgrade program. At least four more air conditioner units are required to fully protect the site's artifact collection. Fund-raising continues.

Upcoming events at the Erland Lee Museum include:

1. **Queen Victoria's Birthday** activities on **Sunday, May 20**, including a display of Victorian fashions from the museum's artifact collection
2. **Discover the Ridge** at the museum's popular **June Lunch on June 1-2**. Displays about the many attractions on top of the escarpment, including the Devil's Punch Bowl Market, the Billy Green House, Spera House Antiques, and more...
3. The Erland Lee Home welcomes the **Associated Countrywomen of the World** from **June 11-15**. This international convention is being held at the Hamilton Convention Center and the museum will be featuring a related display.
4. We still recognize **Dominion Day** at the Lee, **July 1**. Celebrate Canada Day the Victorian way.
5. A long weekend is time to reflect on Ontario's history. Join us for garden tours on **Simcoe Day, Sunday, August 5**.
6. September is harvest time, and the museum will again be offering Antique Appraisals with its **Harvest Lunch, Sept. 11 only**.

S.S. #3 SALTFLEET SCHOOL REUNION:

A reunion for S.S.# 3 Saltfleet will be held Sunday, May 7 at 1:30 pm. at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 12 King St. E., Stoney Creek.

Cost is \$12.00 per person which includes a lunch buffet. Tickets are available from Jean Baine, 544-8188.

Come and meet old friends and new.

TWEEDSIDE:

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and a Rural Route was established for the area. The mail at this time entered the area by the T. H. and B. Railroad. It was then dropped off at Vinemount where it was sorted for its rural trip. Among the mail carriers for this era were Mr. Crozier, Mr. Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Travis, George Gill and the present carrier Tony Manseau from the Vinemount General Store.

At one time Tweedside had two general stores, one of which was across from the school which is also now a building of the past. Two original settlers Mrs. Archibald Tweedle and Mrs. Noah Penfold were the instigators for the establishment of the Tapleystown St. George's Anglican Church. The Wentworth County Atlas of 1875 mentions John Bedell as a farmer living on Lot six, Concession seven in Tweedside having settled there in 1846. Other early settlers besides the Tweedles, Penfolds, Johnstons and Harts were Hildreths, Cowleys, Soules, Alhouses, Mettlebergers, Mrs. C. Cable, Springsteads, Watts, Pyatts, DeWitts, Williams, Haycocks and Kenyons.

Tweedside is now a very quiet farming area with no evidence of its former stores, school or blacksmith shop. The only building standing as witness to its earlier importance is the United Church still a signal of the work and beliefs of the earliest settlers. For this building Gilford Martin, Grandfather of John Martin, and John Beattie did the brick work. The cornerstone was laid by Cecil Tweedle, son of Stephen Tweedle. Thus the church stands as an enduring symbol of its earliest settlers.

DESIGNATED HOMES in STONEY CREEK:

THE BILLY GREEN HOUSE - 30 RIDGE ROAD

The former Billy Green House and its surrounding out-buildings occupy a very prominent site on Ridge Road. its architectural beauty and image are a credit to this City and to Southern Ontario. The home represents a significant part of the history of Stoney Creek and provides insight into one of the early families to the area. It is a site having historical worthiness as it related to the early history and establishment of Stoney Creek and to the critical role played by Billy Green in one of the decisive battles of the War of 1812.

On June 5-6, 1813, Billy Green led the British regulars under General Vincent, in a surprise night attack on American troops near the Gage House (now Battlefield House) in Stoney Creek.

On April 22, 1815, Adam Green willed to his son Billy Green part of Lot 24, Concession 4 and all of Lot 25, Concession 5, In Saltfleet Township. in approximately 1820, Billy Green built the home which still stands on the present day Ridge Road site. The two front rooms of the existing house were built

by Billy Green and consist of a red brick structure with a wide pine plank floor. There were originally 2 chimneys in this section of the house. The breakfront cupboard made by Billy Green is still found in the house. in 1899 an addition was constructed to the rear (east) of the original two room house as chronicled in a diary dated 1899 and still in the possession of the Green family. Billy Green died on March 15, 1677.

Adam Green, U.E. arrived in Saltfleet Township from New Jersey in 1793 with his wife Martha and ten children. He purchased 100 acres of land at Stony Brook upon arrival. William (Billy) Green, his son, was born on February 4, 1794, at Saltfleet Township. Adam Green petitioned Lieut. Governor J. G. Simcoe and was granted 300 acres on June 28, 1794, In Saltfleet Township (Lot 24, Concession 4 and Lots 25 and 26, Concession 5). On April 9, 1810, the Executive Council of Upper Canada, by order of the Lieut. Governor, added Adam Green's name to the official list of United Empire Loyalists.

On July 30, 1868, Freeman Green, son of Billy Green, secured Patent #489 on "Freeman Green's Canadian Spinning Wheel".

In 1967 the Green Farm was declared a Century Farm by the Government of Canada during Centennial Year.

The Billy Green House represents the Gothic Revival Style home. It was built originally as a one and a half storey cottage in the typical style of that day. The back part of the house was a later addition added circa 1899.

The house is a one and a half storey brick structure with its principal front facing west and a secondary and simiiar elevation facing north. The front is distinguished by its steep pitched brick gable with a round top window above the main door. The north elevation of the rear addition is identical to the front elevation of the house.

Important to the preservation of the Billy Green House are the original features of the brick facades, the stone foundation, the original windows and the roof. Also of interest are the wide plank pine floors in the two front rooms.

Also important to the preservation are the two original barns located to the north of the house with their stone foundations.

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Newsletter Sponsorship:

There has been a terrific response to sponsoring our Historical Society newsletters. When postage, paper and envelopes are taken into consideration the newsletter can be quite costly so your \$30.00 contributions to this expense helps considerably.

Four future newsletters are now covered and sponsors names will appear in the order they have been received. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Marie Brown, Gord & Mary Dean, Frances Lawson, and a member who wishes to remain anonymous.

January 2, 1900

Municipal elections were held and reported on January 2nd, with drawings of those elected.

LOYALISTS AND PIONEERS:

DEAN

JOHN DEAN SR. and wife, Margaret, came from Morris County, N.J., to the Niagara District about 1800. They settled on Lot 26, Cone. VI, Gainsborough township. It has been said that John and Margaret had seven children but only the history of Philip Dean, of Clinton township has been secured. Samuel Dean of Saltfleet may have been a son and undoubtedly he was a connection of the Deans of Gainsborough and Clinton. Probable children of John and Margaret Dean:-

JOHN JR., who settled on Lot 25 Cone. VI Gainsborough on land adjoining his father's.

PEREZ. In 1812, his farm was Lot 13 Cone. IV, Clinton. PEREZ served as Poundkeeper on Clinton Municipal Council in 1821,.

DARIUS. Served in the War of 1812. No further record.

PHILIP, born 17 April 1787, settled on Lot 12, Con. 111 and IV. He married Catherine, daughter of Conrad Book of Grimsby.

ELIZABETH, born 17 April 1787, married Joseph Snyder 19 June 1803.

DAVID, born 1790 d. 1861. His wife's name was Cornelia b. 1797, d. 1868. They are buried in St. Ann's churchyard, Gainsborough.

ANDREW, b. 1796, settled on Lot 5, Conc. VIII, Clinton. Died 1841 and was buried in St. Ann's churchyard. He was owner of Dean's mill in Clinton.

John and Margaret were buried in St. Ann's churchyard, with fine stones of Roadhouse sculpture marking their resting place. Inscriptions read - John Dean Sr. died 1827 age 73 years-1754-1827. Margaret, wife of, died 1839 age 86 years-1753-1839.

PHILIP DEAN, who settled on Lot 12 Concs. 111 & IV Clinton, married Catherine Book and they had a family of fifteen children. Catherine was born in 1791 and, according to family tradition, she was forty-seven years old when her fifteenth child was born. Some of their children died in infancy and were probably buried in the family burying ground, a corner of the farm on the rise of the hill east of Beamsville, known as the Quarry road. Children of Philip and Catherine Dean:-

MARGARET, b. 18 June 1812, married John Snyder. Buried at St. Arms, Gainsborough township.

ENOS, b. 24 March 1814, married Diana Cooper, died 1849.

ELIZABETH OR ANN, b. 25 November 1815, m. Joseph Dewitt. 11 Sept. 1842, d. 12 October 1853. They lived on west side of Quarry road, Beamsville.

DANIEL WARD EASTMAN, b. 2 Oct., 1817. He was named after the Rev. D. W. Eastman and nicknamed 'Priest'. He married Mary Tufford, died 11 July 1853.

MARIA, b. 1 May 1821, m. Joseph James. They lived on part of Lot 12, Cone. IV, Clinton. Maria died 6 Feb., 1875.

BARBARA, b. 17 Feb., 1823, m. John A. Huff. Licence issued 30 November 1844, died 28 January 1900. They lived on part of Lot 12, Cone. III, Clinton.

PHILIP JR., b. 10 March 1825, married Julia (Judy) Tufford,

died 3 November 1872.

CATHERINE, b. 19 March 1828, married Edwin Eddy. They lived on part of Lot 13, Cone. IV, Clinton twsp.

SARAH JANE, b. 8 June 1830, married Jacob Huffman.

MATTHIAS, b. 8 August 1832, never married.

HANNAH, b. 20 May, 1834. No further record.

There was a STAFFORD DEAN, who married Selina Hill, both of Clinton township. Licence issued 10 Jan., 1834.

The above history of Philip and Catherine (Book) Dean was compiled by Mrs. Emily Book, of Beamsville.

There was undoubtedly a connection between John Dean Sr. Gainsborough township, Andrew of Clinton and SAMUEL DEAN of Saltfleet.

SAMUEL DEAN married Ruth Howell, probably a daughter of either Levi or Garret Howell, on 7 January 1802, at Grimsby by Robert Nelles, J.P.

They settled in Saltfleet township on Lot 9, Cone. 1, where, they both lived to an old age. They were buried in their family plot in St. Andrew's churchyard, Grimsby, the dates on their stones Samuel Dean 1779-1841. Ruth Dean. 1784-1869.

Children:-

JAMES DEAN, listed in the family history as the oldest son, He settled on Lots 29-30, Cone. V, Saltfleet township. He died before 1875 and was buried in Stoney Creek burying ground. No stone marks his grave but two wives are buried there, Emily Dean, 1810-1840. Barbara Dean, 1821-1882.

SAMUEL, born about 1807, married Caroline Singer of Clinton township 20 December 1833, died 1878. Caroline, b. 1814, d. 1870. Buried at Fruitland.

GARRET, born 1809, married Hannah Singer of Clinton township, 16 May 1833, died 1877. Hannah b. 1807 d.

1885. Buried at Fruitland.

DAVID, born 1810, died 1831. Not listed in family history. Buried in small burying ground on top of escarpment back of Stoney Creek.

MARTHA, born about 1813, married to Richard Keenan, of Saltfleet 3 July 1836.

LEVI, born 1 Jan., 1815, married Martha Biggar, daughter of John and Margaret (Fisher) Biggar, Saltfleet, died 1894, buried at Fruitland.

RUTH, born 1817, married Levi Neil.

ABRAHAM, born 1822 and, although not listed as a son of Samuel and Ruth, it would appear that he was born too early to be a grandson. He married Mary Neil. They are buried at Fruitland.

ANN, born 1825, married Christopher Bigger of Saltfleet township. Children:- Joseph, Emerson, Robert, Mary, Martha, Walter, Sanford Dennis, Milton, and Selina, who married Lewis Hagar.

Mary Dean m. Henry Snyder. Andrew Dean m. Mary, daughter of John Mingle, children:- William, Absalom, Lydia, Arm, Emery. David Dean m. Cornelia Travis.

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WESTFIELD VILLAGE:

by Ellis Whay

May 2001

Sun. May 20 & Mon. May 21

Brant County Days - Celebrate the history of Brant County at Westfield Village and revisit buildings and collections reflecting the heritage of the region. 12:30 p.m. - 4 pm.

August 2001

Sat. August 11 & Sun. Aug. 12

American Civil War Re-enactment - At Westfield See how the American Civil War united Canada and why the fight for freedom led over 50,000 Canadians into battle. Hear the crack of rifles and the pounding of cannons as re-enactors from across North America stage the Battle for Washington (Fort Stevens) in 1864.

September 2001

Sun. September 16

Anne of Green Gables(tm) Day Tour actual locations from Anne of Green Gables(tm) and Road to Avonlea productions at Westfield Heritage Village. Take part in "Anne"-related events including a look-alike contest for youngsters. Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 2001

Fri. October 26 & Sat. Oct. 27

Halloween at Westfield

Explore the superstitions and folklore that have guided Canadians through Hallowe'en's past. This special program looks at myths and early settlers' folklore, and their influences on modern culture.

December 2001

Sat. December 8; Sat. December 15th & Sat. December 22nd

T'was The Night Before Christmas - At Westfield Westfield Village becomes a magical Christmas experience of wagon rides, carol singing and surprises - including and a visit from St. Nicholas!

Tickets: \$15 per adult; \$10 per child, children under 6, free.

Sat. December 8; Sat. December 15th & Sat. December 22nd

Moveable Feast - At Westfield

Indulge your pallet as well as your intellect by following a "Ghost of Christmas past", enjoying an authentic candlelit, four-course meal that moves through historical buildings and times. Tickets are \$39.95* (plus taxes) per person. Bookings begin September.

Sundays December 16th & Sunday December 23rd

Christmas Table - At Westfield

Enjoy an evening of food, fantasy and fellowship at the Christmas Table. Savour an extensive Yuletide feast featuring a Christmas goose made to the specifications of Queen Victoria. Tickets are \$39.95* (plus taxes) per person. Bookings begin September.

For further information Call: 1-888-319-HRCA or (519) 621-8851 or visit: <http://www.westfieldheritage.com>

*Prices subject to change. For the latest event listings and news, visit our website at: www.hamrca.on.ca

FREE METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

HANNON-WENTWORTH CTY.

This cemetery is situated beside the existing White Church and is located on the north side of Highway 53, 2.5 km. west of Highway 20, opposite Fletcher's Road.

It was established by the still active "Free Methodist Church". It contains about one third of an acre, and although it has very little available space left, it is still an "open" cemetery. This burying ground is maintained by the Town of Stoney Creek.

The church was opened in 1887 and in 1987 a new edifice was built onto the original structure in celebration of the church's Centennial. The present pastor is Rev. Thomas Gurnick.

The cemetery is a resting place of: The Rev. E.E. Loveless, The Rev. John Eagle, David Wilson and Amos Murray, among others.

The oldest grave marker found was #39 which reads:

Mary A.

Wife of

W.R. Freeman

died July 21, 1893

aged 37yrs. 8 mos. & 24 dys.

This cemetery was transcribed on May 19, 1990 by Margaret Baillie and Margaret Johnston, both members of the Hamilton Branch of The Ontario Genealogical Society

STONEY CREEK

MISS M. DICKSON

NAMED TEACHER

Saltfleet Councillors Are

Alarmed Over Wave Damage at Beach

Stoney Creek, Dec. 1. (1939) — At a meeting of the High school board held last night the resignation of Miss Elizabeth Galloway, who has secured a position in the Brampton High School, was accepted and Miss Marjorie Dickson, of Hamilton, appointed to fill the vacancy.

Damage at Beach

Saltfleet township councillors are wondering what may become of the fine shore the township owns at Community Beach if something is not done to curb the inroads of the lake at this point. Directly east of it, Edgelake property owners built a number of weirs last year to protect their shore line that was being demolished by the waves. The scheme has been a great success, but the township lot, which adjoins Edgelake, is being subjected to terrific onslaughts when the waves run high, so much so that there is fear of the lake destroying it completely. The matter will be dealt with at the next meeting of the council.

One industry that is booming at present on account of the extreme drought, proving that "it's an ill-wind that blows nobody good," is well drilling. Every outfit in the district is engaged.

Hamilton Spectator, December 1, 1939

submitted by Dorothy Reid

2001 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE

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REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

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Park. Join us for this family event as people reconnect and discover their family heritage.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity, in light of National Volunteer Week 2001, April 22 to 28, to thank all of the dedicated and enthusiastic people who assist us with all of the tasks involved in keeping the Museum going, from baking cookies, to helping with educational programmes. We would be lost without you. Keep up the great work!

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FUTURE SPEAKERS

Friday June 8, - Members PotLuck picnic

July and August - No regular Meetings

Wed. Sept. 5, - Brian Gilchrist - Genealogy

Wed. Oct. 3, - *To Be Announced*

Next newsletter will be issued Wed. Oct. 3, 2001

Material deadline is Saturday, Sept 15, 2001

Visit our Historical Society website www.stoneycreekhistoricalsociety.701.com

SUMMER EVENTS:

BATTLE WEEK-END: - June 2 & 3rd. Entertainment for all the family, Crafts, Wagon Rides, Re-enactment, Fireworks.

FLAG WEEK FESTIVITIES: June 4 - 9th. Streetfest Friday June 8. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

FLAG DAY PARADE: Saturday **June 9, at 7:00 pm.**

For information call Mike Wood 905-664-3603

WINONA PEACH FESTIVAL: August 24 - 25 - 26.

Winona Park, Barton Street. Crafts, Rides and **PEACH SUNDIES.**

REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

by Marnie Hutchinson

Welcome Spring! At Battlefield House we are definitely rejoicing with the coming of spring. With spring comes our major special event of the year, the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek. This year, the event falls on June 2 and 3. Visitors will once again enjoy games, entertainment, horse and wagon rides, the encampment, demonstrations, Tecumseh, tours of the Museum and Monument, three re-enactments and much more!

We are gearing up for a renewed effort in raising funds for the Nash-Jackson House. The fundraising committee and many of our volunteers have had numerous ideas for raising the money needed to open the House. A Bake Sale held at the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt in Battlefield Park got us started. During Battle Weekend, several of our volunteers will be selling refreshments (tea and lemonade and homemade goodies) and generating interest in the project. Nevada tickets are available at the Snackery in the Elm-King Plaza and we will be participating in Bingo at the Centre Mall starting in the summer. New ideas and volunteers are always welcome!

A Cultural Integrity Statement is being developed for Battlefield House Museum and Park with assistance from staff with Parks Canada. This project will help to ensure that one of Stoney Creek's cultural resources is preserved for the years to come.

Clark Bernat, a historical interpreter who was with the Museum for a year and a half, has taken the position of curator at Backus Heritage Village near Simcoe. Technology keeps us connected with Clark out in the "wilderness" and we wish him the best of luck in his Museum career.

Our upcoming special events include an exhibition opening on Saturday, May 19 entitled "History on the Move: a Collection of Nash-Jackson Family Treasures". This exhibit will feature clothing, hats, photographs, memorabilia and more from the Nash-Jackson collection. Admission to the Museum will be free on May 19 to celebrate Museums Month.

In addition, we will be hosting our Gage Family Reunion on Sunday, August 12. You don't even have to be a Gage descendant to attend this event that will be held in Battlefield

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WENTWORTH MASONIC LODGE

1864 -1964

Stoney Creek

The minutes of the first regular meeting of the Lodge in Stoney Creek were written July 24th, 1864 at Wilson's Hotel. (*Location undetermined*)

During 1865 a move to two rooms in the home of Charles Moore, (*The Chesnut Tree*), shortly after that, moving to rooms above the store of Alva Jones, (*Millen's Store*), entry was gained by way of an outside stairway on the east side of the building, now Mountain Ave. N. remaining here until December 23, 1901. The next move was made to the third floor of the Institute Building, (*Century Square*), with 44 steps to climb. The lodge room was heated with a wood burning stove and lighted with coal oil lamps, later a gas stove and electric lights were installed. The lodge later rented the unused Maccabees Hall at the north end of and adjoining the Lodge Hall. The interior was refinished and refurnished as a banquet room. For more than 50 years the members of the lodge climbed the 44 stairs to a room with no running water or washroom facilities.

In 1954 a committee was formed for the purpose of purchasing a lot and building a new facility. Many sites were considered with the final decision to buy a lot from Malcolm Danks, at the corner of Dawson St. and Passmore Avenue. In 1957 the present modern brick Masonic Temple was erected.

HUNTING FOREBEARS:

Genealogy and the Web

Did you know you can visit the "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE" which is held in the Peace Tower in Ottawa through the internet. If you had an ancestor who was killed during World War I, he will be entered in the book. You will find the page your ancestor is recorded and may print that page. The address is:

www.vac-acc.gc.ca/

Choose the language of choice. Click on Records & Collections. You will find the Book of Remembrance. Choose the year that your ancestor was killed. Select from the index of names.

If you have an interest in Loyalists you will enjoy surfing the Olive Tree Genealogy Homepage. It is an excellent site for history and genealogy with ship's lists, census information, tools and tips.

<http://bl-12rootsweb.com/~ote>

Happy Hunting!

by Dorothy Reid

FROM THE PAST:

*Wentworth Historical Society Minutes
1908 -1948*

STONEY CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 7, 1913

A meeting of this Society was held in the Parish Hall on Monday, April 7, at * pm., President Corman presided. 14 members being present including Mr. Gardner from Hamilton, E.D. Smith, Winona.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

A report of the General Committee in charge of the Centennial Victory Celebration to be held on June 6th was given by the Secretary.

Mr. Evans was present as a member of a com. appointed by the General Committee to ascertain what part of the celebration this Society wished to take. After much discussion it was decided that this Society should undertake to represent the idea of how the Volunteers of 1812 paraded in defence of Stoney Creek and that they be marshaled by President W.E. Corman and their march in the procession, June 6th. it was also decided to ask the Women's Institute of this district to undertake the work of preparing and furnishing refreshments to the school children taking part in the morning exercises or coming from a distance. Mrs. Beaumont kindly undertook to lay the matter before the various branches of the Women's Institute.

President - W.E. Corman, Chas. Moore and the Secretary, as a committee on securing a flag pole for the Soldier's Plot, reported visiting the firm at Brantford who promised to supply a 60 foot pole for \$60.00 erected.

It was moved by G.W. Millen, seconded by Oliver Nash, that this Society undertake to purchase the 60 foot flag pole for \$60.00. CARRIED

Moved by W.G. Davis, seconded by G.W. Millen, that W.E. Millan, Chas. Moore, & E.D. Smith be a com. to secure subscriptions towards paying for the flag pole.

Fees collected -

R.E. Glover -50 cents	John Garner -25 cents
Elvin Corman-25 cents	J.W. Beaumont - 25 cents
Mrs. Beaumont -25 cents	

total \$1.50

It was decided to furnish badges to each paid up member for the celebration on June 6th.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

W.G. Davis, Sec.

Minutes confirmed by W.E. Corman, Pres. May 5th 1914

From Family Chronicle Magazine. March/April 2001

Let me introduce you to some members of my genealogical society who share the same surname, TATE.

First, there is old man Dic Tate who wants to run, everything, while his cousin Ro Tate tries to change everything. Mrs. Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble with the help of her husband Irri Tate.

Whenever there are new projects, Mr. Hesi Tate and his wife Vegi Tate want to wait until next year. Then there is Ms. Ima Tate who wants our society to be just like the one back home in Newton. Mr. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, while Mr. Poten Tate just wants to be a big shot. And of course there is Mrs. Levi Tate whose constant gossip keeps things up in the air.

There is the black sheep of the society, Mr. Ampu Tate, who has cut himself off almost completely from the society. Mr. Cogi Tate and his wife Medi Tate are backbones of the society, always thinking things over and usually are very positive in their ideas, even if they don't always do much.

But lastly, there is Mr. and Mrs. Facili Tate who work tirelessly for the society, serve on many committees, encourage new members, and are always ready to do what needs to be done for the upbuilding of the society.

(Many thanks to a First Presbyterian Church newsletter, author unknown, for this story.)

LIBRARY

Members are encouraged to use our library and to consider donating copies of their own completed family histories to expand our research facility.

Our appreciation to Anna & Ed Orr for donating library space in their office at

Steel Market Place

(Rear of) 1247 Highway 8, Winona

Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Additions to our Library:

"The House That Jam Built" -

A history of the E.D. Smith Family and Business.

Donated by Lewelyn S. Smith

"John Gant of Colonial Virginia and North Carolina, His ancestors and descendants" -

Gant/Ghent Family history. Includes Saltfleet

Donated by member Morgan Harris.

January 2, 1900

The annual Bachelor's Ball was held last evening (Jan. 1st) in the I.O.O.F. hall. New Year's day was an unusually quiet one in town. Both on Christmas and New Year's day there seemed to be much less drinking than in former years.

MEMBERS BUSINESS/INSTITUTION DIRECTORY:

Anne Forsyth Accounting	Anne Forsyth	9 Lake Ave. South	905-662-2848
Barrister & Solicitor	Richard J. Skrtich	26 King St. E.	905-662-2855
Britannia Cleaners	Ed Strecker	17 King St. E.	905-662-4971
Comicl Books	Tom Laing	Elm/King Plaza	905-664-3777
Elm Grocery & Deli	Rick/Mario/Sonia	44 King St. E.	905-662-7900
Erland Lee Museum Home	Michael Gemmell	552 Ridge Road	905-662-2691
H/W Archaeological Fdn.	Rita Griffin-Short	Hamilton	905-524-1384
Doug Mays Watercolourist	Doug & Angela Mays	3 MacDui Dr.	905-643-4541
Picture Palace	Joanne Wynhofen	19 King St. E.	905-662-4014
Queenston Stationery	Martin Battell	38 King St.E.	905-664-3360
Royal Canadian Legion	Branch 622	12 King St. E.	905-662-4171
Spera House Antiques	Lyn & Brent Jukes	228 Ridge Road	905-662-9339
The Snackery	Carol Dushko	Elm/King Plaza	905-664-2288
Stoney Creek Town Crier	David Meadows	Winona	905-643-0020
Winona Garden Shoppe	Georgina & Jeff Beattie	1381 Highway 8	905-643-2161

PLEASE MENTION THIS DIRECTORY WHEN YOU SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS!

A HOUSE TOUR FOR 2001??

Time is running out to form a committee for organizing a Christmas House Tour for the year 2001. It is essential that this begin very soon. Last years 9th House Tour chairman Nick Demy and committee did a fabulous job in making many contacts, working to make this the most successful tour yet. A new committee would be able to renew these contacts, **BUT!** we need help from the membership if this years tour is to go ahead.

In the past, members of the executive have taken up the call, adding to their many other commitments for overseeing the Stoney Creek Historical Society's success. Lets have a 10th Christmas House Tour in 2001. If you can be a part of this committee please call Ron Place at 662-8856.

MOUNT ALBION RESIDENTS 1883

(Lovell's Directory)

Barrett, Joseph, farmer	Cook & Ross, grist millers
Davis, Jonathan, J.P.	Davis, D. R., farmer
Fulker, D. & H., farmers (Felker)	Galloway, A., wagonmaker
Grassie, C., blacksmith	Kenny, H., shoemaker
Magill, Geo., blacksmith	Martin, Henry, butcher
Mason, Jas. P.M.	Pearson, H'y, butcher
Sterling, T. H., hotel	Turner, John, J.P.

NEED A RIDE TO THE MEETING?

Let your phone contact know that you require a ride to our meeting. They will try to make the necessary arrangements

WINONA PARK, 1950-1967

From Winona Centennial Publication 1867 - 1967

After considerable discussion by the members of the Winona and District Men's Club, a committee was appointed, Mr. Horace Cocks, chairman. They discussed the purchase of land for park purposes. An offer had been had from Mr. Keith Milliken. The property had 12 acres, part of which had been used for playing ball for years. The price was to be \$3,500.00. The area had (about a third large hardwood trees) ideal park land. It was known we could get a grant from the Department of Agriculture under the Community Halls Act. G.M. Found was a member of the Township Council in Saltfleet. Information was had as to how to set up a park board, and Mr. Found was elected chairman, an office he held for the next eight years. An area was determined. The necessary funds to purchase the property and some to develop were borrowed from the bank at Winona and guaranteed by the Township. A one mill rate was levied on all the rateable property east of Glovers Side Road to the eastend of the Township. At that time it amounted to about \$1,000.00, \$5,000.00 was borrowed, \$1,000.00 paid back with six per cent interest each year for five years, and we had our 12 acre Winona Park paid for. Other needed funds were raised by interested organizations.

After five years we did the same, borrowing and put up the

lights and graded the diamond.

At one time we had a nice Tennis court where great energy was displayed.

At the present time we have two ball diamonds, two skating rinks, the scout hut, the gate or change hut, picnic tables, swings, fireplaces, flower beds, lights on the ball diamond and rinks and road in the park.

This year the Women's Institute will erect Gate Posts at the entrance; the Centennial Committee will raise a flag pole and use the park to the best advantage during our centennial celebrations.

This first public park in Saltfleet Township, has been used we hope wisely and well. Although the tax payers paid for it, all the people have enjoyed the use of it.

Hamilton Spectator, December 1, 1939
 Many fruit growers and gardeners are taking advantage of the unusually mild weather to do planting and other work generally done in the spring. Raspberries and trees are being planted and even asparagus. Stanley House, of Red Hill, planted a bed of it yesterday. The land was in excellent condition.

COMMUNITY NEWS:
NOVEMBER 1926
 Cars of apples have been packed this week in the village for direct shipment to England

**Stoney Creek Historical Society
 Year 2000 Executive**

President:	Ron Place	662-8856
Past President:	Mary Lewis	643-3665
1st. Vice President:	Bill O'Reilly	662-2248
2nd. Vice President:	Bill Mitchell	664-4576
Treasurer:	Judy Green	662-4065
Recording Secretary:	Michael Gemmell	662-8876
Corresponding Secretary:	Anna Orr	643-7653
Newsletter:	Ron Place	662-8856

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT STONEY CREEK CITY HALL,
 SALTFLEET ROOM

1st. WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING AT 7.30 pm.
 SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION \ RENEWAL \ DONATIONS

(Please print)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt.: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

(Please check) _____ Renewal: _____ New: _____

Membership

Family\$15.00
 Single\$ 12.00
 Student/Senior.....\$ 7.00
 Business/Institution.....\$ 20.00

Donation to funds

General Fund.....\$ _____
 Museum Fund.....\$ _____
 Publication Fund.....\$ _____
Tax receipts will be issued

Membership Term January 1st. to December 31st.
 Please complete application and make your cheque payable to
 The Stoney Creek Historical Society
 P.O. Box 66637 Stoney Creek On. L8G 5E6