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CANADA'S FIRST DRIVE-IN THEATRE AT STONEY CREEK:

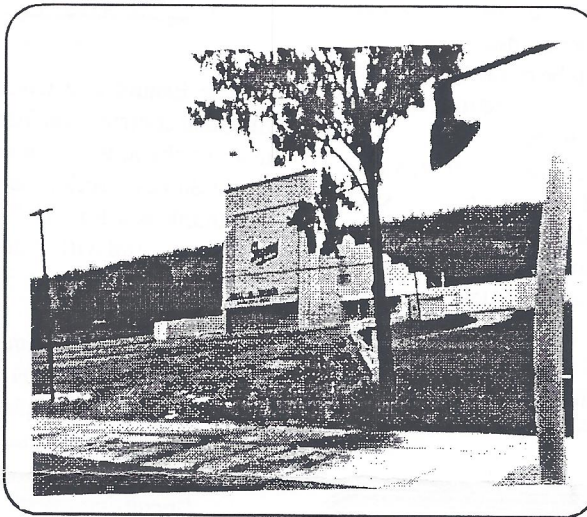
By Alan D. Ford

Stoney Creek News March 16 1961

Canada awakened to her first peace time spring in 6 years. She yawned blinked and then looked straight ahead to progress. The year was 1946, and one spring morning a small dapper man from Geneva, Ohio surveying the broad plush fields of Mr. Duncan's farm frontage on Number 8 Highway, near Grays Road. The happy effervescence of Saltfleet High School students on their lunch hour only added to the excitement that Doc Manley felt as he contemplated the site of what was to be the first Drive-In theatre in Canada.

The dozing fruit trees were all unaware that a brand new concept of entertainment, one that would cater to man's progress and his new found love the automobile was coming to fruition, and thereupon would topple those mammoth gilt palaces of moviedom entertainment of millions for almost a half a century.

Thus a page was turned and late July 1946 the Skyway Drive-In theatre was opened. The squawking new baby created quite a stir. Hundreds of cars plugged roads for miles around nightly. Farmers used to going to bed to the lowing of the wind, now were lulled to sleep by Bing Crosby or rudely awakened by the Battle of the Bulge. At first there were no individual speakers for the cars; huge exponential speakers hung from the towering screen and even the intimate whispering of love scenes were clearly audible on Ridge Road. This long hot summer also saw national awareness of Stoney Creek's Skyway when a Cabinet Minister, delayed in the early evening traffic, inquired and found he was in a line up to a drive in theatre and later brought it up on the floor of the legislature. Everyone enjoys the movies, but finally an entirely new sect of the Cinematograph Act had to be rewritten and with Stoney Creek's



drive-in as a precedent regulations were put into effect governing the construction and operation of Drive-In theatres in Ontario.

Harold Harrison, prominent musician and official of Local 303 I.A.T.S.E. Projectionists Union was selected to operate and maintain the expensive technical equipment of the projection department. Mr. Harrison brought in the entire membership of the Projectionists Union to rush the theatre to completion and since that opening day in 1946 he has continued the loyal, efficient operation of the heart-beat and the voice of the

Drive-In Theatre. Many stories and events down through the years can be recounted by Mr. Harrison. How one of the early ushers went on to become a star in his own galaxy, Bill Bewley, now with the Montreal Allouettes - the Sopinka boys from the valley of the creek - young Geigy whose father operated the Day and Night hotel and many others, like the Skyway, symbols of progress in their community.

Progress not to be denied, the following years saw renovations and improvements by the score and in 1958 another man of vision, Robert Myers then Famous Players Canadian Division Head added still another page to the scripture of mass entertainment. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were poured into the site and the drive-in emerged as Canada's most modern with a new face and brand new refreshment plaza, housing the comfortable washrooms, the projection suite and a modern cafeteria - type snack bar. The Skyway would now operate 52 weeks a year with warmth in winter supplied by Otto Bernz's new development, the In-Car Heaters.

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NEW MEMBER:

We are happy to welcome to our membership Fred & Carolyn Briggs, Paul & Sheila Gallea, Margaret Hughes, Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce, Greg & Val Windwick,

*This Newsletter
is sponsored by
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

The people who make a difference to the Stoney Creek Historical Society are our members. When called upon they respond * when requesting the ladies excellent baking for our after meeting chat time * helping at the homes for the house tour, * Introducing and thanking our speakers * selling books at the Battle Week-end * submitting articles for the newsletters. Your input is appreciated by all.

The Stoney Creek Historical Society Annual Pot Luck Picnic will be held Friday June 7, at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, 552 Ridge Road, social time beginning at 5.30 pm., supper at 6.00 pm. This will be our final function until Wednesday September 4th., when our meetings resume at the Stoney Creek (City Hall) at 7.30 pm.

Most of us look forward to summer weather, vacations, golf, or possibly to visit some of the many historic sites around the Province and beyond. Mary and I are taking a trip to the Maritimes, to re-visit King's Landing in New Brunswick and a first time stop at Fort Louisbourg on Cape Breton, both sites where early times surround you. It seems when the history bug bites, there is no limit to what some people do. The main thought during all of our summer activities is to do it safely. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.

Ron Place

REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

by Marnie Hutchinson

Spring brings preparations for a busy summer season at Battlefield House Museum. We hope to see you and your families at one of our upcoming special events.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE "May 18 and 19, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m." Free admission for visitors who join us as we celebrate Museums Month."

THE QUARTERMASTER'S CLOSET: MILITARIA FROM THE WAR OF 1812 TO THE KOREAN WAR

May 18 to July 19, during regular opening hours
An exhibit showcasing a collection of military artifacts spanning 150 years. "Admission rates apply.

SPRING BLOSSOM STUDIO TOUR "May 25 and 26, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m." Visit with a weaver and a potter at Battlefield House, one of the stops on a local artists studio tour. Free admission.

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF STONEY CREEK

Saturday, June 1 - 12:00 noon to 9:30 p.m. "Sunday, June 2 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Encampments, games and prizes, horse-drawn wagon rides, food, demonstrations, musical entertainment, Chief Tecumseh and the historic re-creation of the Battle of Stoney Creek.

BATTLEFIELD HOUSE EXPERIENCE CAMP

"Children will enjoy a week of fun and adventure at our living history site. Ages 7 to 10. "Pre-registration is required." Session #1 July 8 to 12 "Session #2 August 12 to 16"

UNDER FOOT: AN EXHIBIT OF HOOKED RUGS

July 27 to September 2, during regular opening hours "Re-discover the art of rug hooking, with demonstrations and examples from the 19th century to the present day.

ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

by Michael Gemmill

The Erland Lee Committee wishes to acknowledge a financial contribution from the Historical Society this spring to assist the museum in continuing to promote the heritage of the Stoney Creek area and the Women's Institutes story. We thank you for the \$500.00 donation to the museum's operations, and will ensure that your support continues to be recognized in this, our 30th anniversary year.

To that end, the museum is continuing to add to the heritage database started in 2001. If you have any old photos that we can make copies off, please contact the Lee and we'll add them to the computer slide show in the "Saltfleet to Stoney Creek" display.

Upcoming events at the Erland Lee Museum

May 12 Mother's Day Tea

Tea served on the lawn of the Lee (or in the carriage house in the event of inclement weather), with snacks. Croquet set up on the rear lawn. 1 - 4 p.m.. \$4.00 admission.

May 19 Queen Victoria's Birthday Party

Children's crafts, games, and refreshments at the Lee. Final opportunity to see the Home's model train display in 2002. Regular admission.

May 25-26 Spring Blossoms Studio Art Tour

The Lee hosts a studio art tour with Hamilton artists. High end art on display and for sale all weekend at three local heritage sites, including the Lee. Admission by donation only for this event.

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Unfortunately, since the last newsletter three members have passed away.

Lloyd W. Corman 1924 - 2002

John Greive 1924 - 2002

Robert C. Pergentile 1929 - 2002

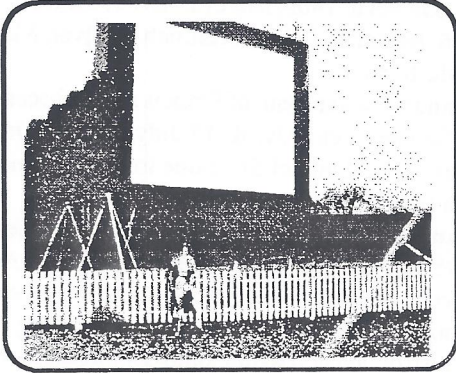
Lloyd Corman and Robert (Bob) Pergentile had been active within the Historical Society for a number of years, great boosters for our group.

John Greive, originally from Canada, moved to the United States many years ago. John was the husband of Dorothy (Metcalf) whose family were early Saltfleet residents.

Our thoughts go out to the families in this difficult time.

Drive-in-Theatre
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Now for the first time the Skyway would show brand new first run screen attractions day and date with Hamilton's Luxurious Tivoli Theatre. Such record shattering hits as Hercules, Al Capone, The Big Circus, The Nun's Story, launched this new era and the co-operative efforts of Stoney Creek and Saltfleet and the Provincial Police was required to control the traffic heading for the theatre.



One can easily see the development of our area which although a few years ago consisted of the Skyway and the High School, half its present size, now boasts the most modern Bowling Alleys, Restaurants and the giant Skyway shopping plaza. Indeed this growth as the hub of the wheel.

No more do the pheasants fly from the fruit trees on Duncan's farm. Now, happy families in sleek automobiles enjoy their evenings watching stories untold on the mammoth screen - stories from the film capitals of the world ... at the Skyway ... where pheasants flew.

Editors Note: The Skyway theatre with its 30 metre (100ft.) high and 15 metre (50 ft.) wide screen sat on a 13 acre site. Admission was 42 cents plus tax for adults and children.- (Photographs from the Erland Lee Collection.)

Historic Old Niagara Mill
Defying Ravages of Time
Likely to Yield to Man

Cairn Will Mark Site of Improvised Hospital During War of 1812 on Banks of Four Mile Creek

Submitted by Juanita Mitchell

Grey and weatherbeaten with many a wound of time and circumstance, the old Pickard grist mill on the Four Mile Creek, Niagara haven in the War of 1812-14 for the wounded in minor engagement it stands on the Chaplin Farm-Meadowbrook near the little village of Virgil. Marked contrast it is to the trim new barns close by. Scarcely beautiful in its old age, but commanding respect because of its long and honourable history, the building stands, its axe hewn beams, riveted with pins of oak, still holding out against the assault of years.

Though built in 1800 it was not by any means the first mill in the district of the Four Mile Creek, along which were strung at one time some 25 or 30 mills.

There is nothing left of this first mill but nine years later the present building was built in 1800 by one Benjamin Pickard, Township of Niagara, County of Lincoln. It was erected on the Four Mile Creek on lot 193 on the Military Reserve. Contained one run of stone which was brought from Eusopas, in the State of New York.

The ground wheat was carried to the top of the mill by the Miller in a sack, and was poured in a cooler and from thence it ran down into the bolt for separating the flour, bran and the shorts, there being in those days no elevators for carrying the meal to the top of the mill.

The machinery was all made of wood, the wheels and shafting, there was not an iron wheel in the whole mill. The mill is built of very heavy timber, all of the posts and beams are fourteen inches square as well as the sills, the girths, studding and braces are all hewn out, not one piece of timber is sawn, the sills and posts are of white oak, and all the other is white wood.

During the war of 1812-14, when the Americans had possession of Fort George and Niagara, there were several skirmishes in or near the town, out at the Ball Farm and the Cross Roads, (now Virgil), the wounded all being taken to the mill which was used for a hospital for some length of time.

At this time the Americans went out from Fort George and were met by the militia who were lying in wait for them, but were too few in number to hold their own, and had to retreat farther into the country, and in order to do so quickly, they threw over 100 American muskets and bayonets which they captured into the mill pond to prevent them from falling into the Americans again.

As was the custom in pioneer times a graveyard was situated on the farm and there many of the first settlers including Benjamin Pickard was buried. Subsequently a number of bodies were taken to St Catharines for re-interment. When the late Mr, Chaplin took over the property he engaged a man to clean the place up. The man did, not wisely but too well for when Mr. Chaplin came to inspect the results of his labours he found that all the stones which marked the graves of the pioneers had been neatly piled in a great heap. No possible means remain now of identifying any grave. Still when the land is plowed fragments of old stones come to the surface.

None of the old Pickard family are now in the district.

A Generous Donation:
TD Canada Trust

The Stoney Creek Historical Society has been the recipient of a generous donation of \$2000.00 from the TD Canada Trust, Stoney Creek Branches. These funds will assist us in supporting historically significant projects within Stoney Creek.

Our sincere appreciation to the Stoney Creek branch managers for their interest in local community organizations.

LOYALISTS AND PIONEERS:

GLOVER

The Glover family from which the Canadian branch descends, emigrated from England to America and settled in Sussex County, New Jersey.

Francis Glover, born in 1728, was married twice, the name of his first wife being unknown. He married secondly Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Wright) Green. Rebecca was born 7 May 1747 and, after her husband's death in 1796, she came to Canada to live near her brothers and her children. She died in 1820 and was buried in St. Andrew's churchyard, Grimsby.

Children--**Jacob Glover**, born about 1763, m. Deborah, daughter of John and Dinah (Pettit) Moore.

Samuel Glover, son of Francis and Rebecca, b. 14 April, 1766, m. Mercy McClure.

Hannah Glover, b. 18 February, 1769, m. Samuel Kennedy, d. 10 Oct. 1793 in New Jersey.

John Glover, b. 31 January, 1771, married Mary Birge, d. 1863.

Charles Glover, b. 5 Jul 1775 - no further record.

James Glover, b. 11 Nov., 1777, m. Elizabeth, daughter of John Charles Pettit, Saltfleet twp.

Elizabeth, b. 8 Oct., 1787, m. Samuel, son of Adam Green.

Mary Ann, b. 14 April, 1791, married John Smith Pettit, son of Andrew and Sarah Pettit of Grimsby.

Jacob Glover, said to be the son of the first wife of Francis Glover, was the first one of the family to come to this district. He is listed with the forty-two families who arrived at the Niagara frontier from New Jersey in 1787. (Niagara Historical Society - No. 39, page 128). It states - 'In that season Jacob Glover, with one Woman, I son, two daughters, 2 cows and two horses. Jacob received a Crown grant in Grimsby township - Lot 14 Concs. I and 11.

Like other pioneers of the district he suffered during the 'Hungry Years' and his name is on the list of petitioners humbly praying that the provisions loaned during the years of famine be paid for in the same kind as borrowed or in flour, wheat or other produce.'

In 1795 Jacob Glover served on the Grimsby township Council as Poundkeeper. About the turn of the century Jacob sold his farm and moved to Norfolk County near Vanessa. Children - order uncertain:-

Deborah m. David Young; Francis b. 1786, wife Ann, d. 1862, James; Henry; Robert; Anthony b. 1812 - 1879.

Note:Anthony was buried in old burying ground near Vanessa, also Francis and Edwin 1822-1978. Jacob, a son or grandson of Jacob Sr. was buried at Vanessa - 1817 - 1899, wife Mary Ann Wheeler, 1833-1905.

Samuel Glover, second son of Francis and Rebecca, did not come to Canada but several of his children did therefore we have listed their names as follows:- Sarah h. 1785, Rebecca, h. 1787, Elizabeth, b. 1789, Hannah h. 1790, Francis, 1793, Margaret, 1797, Charles h. 1799, m. Mary Markel d. 1874,

John, h. 1802 m. Susannah Forsythe, Aaron, h.1805, m. Christine Kern, Mary h. 1807, m. George Fonger of Halton Co. Samuel h. 1809, Mercy h. 1811, James b. 1814, Joseph h. 1816, Nelson h. 1818 m. Hannah CLIJver, Matilda h. 1821 m. David Kern.

Hannah Glover, dau. of Francis and Rebecca (Green) Glover m. Samuel Kennedy, d. 17 July, 1792. One child Samuel Kennedy Jr. Samuel Sr., came to Canada and married Elizabeth (Pettit) Glover. widow of James.

John Glover, who married Mary Birge, came to Canada about 1805 and settled in Saltfleet township. According to his account book he was engaged in selling products of his farm, in cutting and hauling lumber and weaving of wool and flax. He also rented his pastures and doctored and traded horses (see booklet No. I Annals of The Forty, page 40).

Mary Birge (Berg), wife of John Glover, was born in 1776 and died in 1843. John died in 1863 and both are buried in St. Andrew's churchyard, Grimsby. Children as recorded in John Glover's account book:-

Rebecca, b. 7 November 1796, m. William, son of John and Jemima Biggar 5 November, 1818.

James, b. 8 June, 1799, m. Eliza Hannon, d. 1873, buried in Union burying ground Barton twp.

Euphemia, b. 22 April, 1801, m. John W. son of John Smith of Grimsby.

Electa, b. 8 April, 1803, m. Asa, son of Andrew Pettit, Grimsby.

Mary, b. 7 April, 1805, m. Hugh Hunter.

Elizabeth, b. 7 April, 1807, d. 11 December, 1853.

Peter Birge, b. 1911, m. Jane Ann, daughter of Thos. and Mary Stewart.

John P., b. 31 January, 1812, d. 1900, buried in St. Andrew's churchyard.

Sarah, h. 9 Sept.. 1814, married Amos Chambers.

George, b. 10 Aug. 1816.

Priscilla, b. 25 November, 1823, m. James Ingleheart. d. 1882, buried in St. Andrew's churchyard.

James Glover, son of Francis and Rebecca Glover, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Charles Pettit, 17 December 1806 (Rev. Addison, Niagara) died in 1812, buried in St. Andrew's churchyard. Elizabeth married 2ndly Samuel Kennedy Sr. Children of James and Elizabeth (Pettit) Glover:-

John, b. about 1807. m. Susan Dunmedes 12 Dec. 1832.

Ann, b. about 1809 m. James Allison, 10 Nov., 1831.

Elizabeth, daughter of Francis and Rebecca (Green) Glover. married her cousin, Samuel Green son of Adam and Martha Green:

Children:-

Mary, married Jeremiah Soule.

Caroline, married Francis TenEyck.

Eliza, married Anthony TenEyck.

Samuel, married Jane Stewart.

Anne. unmarried.

Mary Ann, daughter of Francis and Rebecca Glover. married John Smith Pettit, son of Andrew and Sarah Pettit of Grimsby.

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**DESIGNATED HOME in STONEY CREEK:
The Fred B. Henry House - "Spruceway"
1420 Highway No. 8**

The James Henry family and its ancestors have played an important and long-lasting part in the development and growth of the former Saltfleet Township. In particular, the residence at 1420 Highway No. 8, although in itself not of noteworthy architectural significance, does have a firm connection to the Henry family through its builder, Fred B. Henry. Therefore, this home has been designated on the basis of the historical significance of the Henry family.

James Henry was born in 1757, married Catherine House about 1785, and died January 12, 1827 in Clinton Township, east of Beamsville., According to family tradition, fourteen year old James Henry was taken prisoner by Indians while he was travelling with his father through the Allegheny Mountains in search of land. He escaped by crossing the Niagara River in a canoe where he was met by Colonel John Butler in whose care James remained until he was old enough to own land. The list of disbanded soldiers in 1787 in the district of Niagara includes James Henry, his wife and one child.

As a United Empire Loyalist, James Henry was granted 800 acres in Clinton Township about two and a half miles east of present day Beamsville. By 1787 he had cleared 14 acres with 8 acres sown in wheat. He became one of the first members of the Masonic Lodge at The Forty (Grimsby) in 1799 and served as a Captain with the 4th Lincoln Regiment militia during the War of 1812. Eight children were born to James and Catherine, including twin boys James R. and Robert. The eldest son, John B. Henry, born January 1, 1787, would have been the child listed with his parents in the 1787 list of disbanded soldiers. He married Ann Walker and after her death married Catherine Fortner. Another son, Harmon, born in 1791, married Elizabeth Carpenter, the daughter of Alexander Carpenter Sr. of Saltfleet Township. A daughter, Margaret, born in 1794, married Jonathan I. Pettit, the son of Squire John Pettit of The Forty.

Robert Henry, born January 23, 1809, was the eldest of nine children raised by John B. and Ann Henry. He married Margaret Willson, daughter of Hugh Willson Esq. Other children included Sarah Maria, who married Alexander Carpenter Jr., and Issac Brock Henry, who married Penelope Lewis, daughter of James Lewis. Three sons were born to Isaac Brock and Penelope. They were George C. Henry (1844-1930) Alfred Lewis Henry (1853) who died in infancy, and J. Edgar Henry (1855-1937). The later married Ada B. Carpenter. Their only son Lewis Brock Henry, born in 1892, a captain in the 77th Regiment, was killed in action at Nun's Alley, France, on August 30, 1917.

Fred B. Henry was born to George C. and Evelyn M. Henry in 1860. He married Jennie P. Smith, daughter of R. R. Smith, a descendent of Silas Smith U.E. Fred B. Henry worked in the fruit business selling fruit in western Canada

on behalf of local fruit growers. He was also involved in politics as a Councillor on the Saltfleet Township Council in the 1920s and played a part in the transfer of cemeteries to the municipality. He built at least two houses, including the Cudney House at 336 Fifty Road and Spruceway located at 1420 Highway No. 8 which was built about 1916. Spruce trees can still be seen lining the entrance drive to the property. Fred B. Henry died in 1937.

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**LOYALISTS AND PIONEERS:
GLOVER**

They lived on Lot 19 Conc. 11, Grimsby township. Family history states that Mary was a brave and spirited woman and greatly distinguished herself for her superior skill in driving and riding horses. She died 13 June, 1856 and was buried in St. Andrew's churchyard.

Children:

- Andrew, b. 28 Aug., 1809, died 26 July, 1813.
- John Glover, b. 14 Aug., 1811, died 31 July. 18 13.
- Jonathan, b. 14 Aug., 1814, died 19 April, 1822.
- James Glover, b. 4 Januarv. 181 7. in. Henrietta Smith of Saltfleet.
- Francis Glover, b. 5 June 1819, married Catherine Griffin,
- Mary Eliza, b. 12 March 1824. died 29 March, 1829.
- John Johnson, b. 3rd Nov., 1826. died 17 Februarv, 1898.
- Sarah Ann, b. 8Dec., 1829, married James Foster, d. 21 Feb. 1862
- Eliza Jane, b. 14 Aug., 1833. married John G. TenEyck. d. 25 April, 1864, buried in St. Andrew's churchyard. Grimsby.

Note - The history of the Glover family was collected by Miss Frances Pettit of Cuba, N.Y.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- Please note! No meeting Wed. June 5th.**
Friday June 7, Historical Society Pot Luck Picnic
 Meetings resume Wednesday September 4, 7.30 pm.
Wed. Sept. 4, - Karen Molson - Molson Family History
Financial assistance provided by the Canada Council for the Arts, through The Writers Union of Canada.
Wed. Oct. 2, - Colin Paddon - Native Customs.
Wed. Nov. 6, - Judy Lyons - History of Quilts, includes
 A Small Trunk Show

TRAIN ACCIDENT 1854:

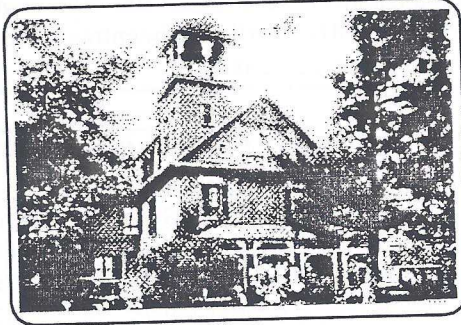
Submitted by Dorothy Reid

March 23, 1854 at 12.15 p.m. a train coming from Niagara Falls, had an accident at Stoney Creek. The driver's name was G. Williams. One man was killed on the track. This man was lying on the track, and it being dark the engine driver could not see him. His head was cut off by the cross member of the pilot. No damage done to train.
 (Pamphlets on Railroads & Canal, Vol. 11, (2)) Rare book-HPL Special Collections)

WINONA PARK HOTEL 1897 -1928

This charming and cozy hotel is beautifully situated on the south shore of Lake Ontario, twenty-eight miles west of Niagara Falls, and twelve miles east of Hamilton, and has ample accommodations for one hundred guests.

It is located in the centre of the great Ontario fruit district, and is easily reached by the Grand Trunk Railway and Electric Cars.



Winona Park has a delightful combination of Forest and Lake. The early summer in this verdant locality is something enchanting with its soft intoxicating atmosphere, its gardens and its wealth of wild flowers.

The high grounds with its shady groves, romantic walks through delightful and picturesque scenery with varying views of lake and land. Added to these beauties are the magnificent sunsets, which rival those seen in Italy, too glorious to be described, the cool bracing air and wide sandy beach, and the absolute absence of mosquitos make it an ideal spot for rest and recuperation.

The hotel accommodations are satisfactory and economical. The sanitary arrangements are perfect. The water is as clear as crystal and thoroughly wholesome. The food is excellent and well cooked. The dining room is cool and spacious and the service unsurpassed. All the delicacies of the market will be provided for the table. Luscious fruits of all kinds in abundance. The milk and butter from our own dairy and fresh vegetables from our own garden. Lovers of Dancing, Driving, Lawn Tennis, Bowling, Baseball, Golf, Croquet, Shuffle Board, Bicycling, Boating, Bathing and Fishing, may gratify their tastes to their hearts' content. To the pleasure seeker Winona Park Hotel and it's beautiful surroundings stand for all that is enjoyable.

Let us describe one of the many beautiful drives at Winona. On either side is the thick wood, here and there from beneath the rocks of the mountainside come bubbling springs of clearest ice cold water and all around the scene is one that makes the stranger think that here, at least, the work of nature is as it ever was --- untouched by man's improving hand. The Hotel is open from May 28th to October 15th. Terms \$7.00 to \$14.00 per week. According to number of persons occupying room, location, etc. Reduced rates for children and maids. Special inducements to families engaging accommodations for the season. Hotel was open from 1897 to 1928.

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ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

June 20-21 Women's Institutes Month - Luncheon

June Luncheon celebrates WI history month. A temporary exhibit on Laura Rose Stephen unveiled June 20 to coincide with annual fundraising luncheon. Home made buffet luncheon, price \$10.00, tour extra. There will be four sittings: two a day, at 11:30 am and 1:15 pm.

July 9 - Aug. 18 Heritage Quilt Show at Erland Lee Home

A selection of heritage quilts from Guelph area on summer display.

August 11 30th Anniversary Come-and-Go Tea and Craft Show

Come meet FWIO's Board at the Lee, have tea, help us celebrate 30 years of FWIO ownership of the Lee. Crafters' booths (to participate, please call) at the Lee for the afternoon. 1-4 pm. Admission by donation.

For details, call 905 662 2691 or visit www.fwio.on.ca/fwio/events.html

Don't forget to look for the Lee at Flag Day and at Winona Peach Festival this summer!

WESTFIELD VILLAGE;

by Rob Winniger

Victoria Week-end Sunday:

Join over 100 American Revolutionary War Soldiers and help re-dedicate one of Ontario's oldest buildings, the newly restored ca. 1790 Queens Ranger's Log Cabin during a day of living history, fun and excitement.

*Sunday, May 19, 12:30 - 4 pm.

Time Travel Trade and Picnic:

Pack your curiosity and taste the golden age of craftsmen and life on the family farm during this delightful summer excursion into a cornucopia of demonstrations and artefacts brought to you in part by the Rockton Antique Agricultural Society.

*Sunday, June 2, 12:30 - 4 pm.

The American Civil War: The Battle of Malverne, 1862

Honouring the over 50,000 Canadians who fought in the American Civil War, experience living history at its best and become part of military and civilian life during the Victorian era. *Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18... 10 am to 4:30 pm

Anne of Green Gables Day

Step into the pages of L.M. Montgomery's masterpiece and become part of Avonlea and the life of Canada's favourite literary character by enjoying a variety of entertaining activities for the whole family.

*Sunday, September 15, 10 am - 4 pm

Westfield Heritage Village Hours

Open Sundays and Holidays starting March 3 to October 27, 12:30 - 4 pm featuring hourly tours, restaurant and gift shop.

MEMBERSHIP DUE??

The date on the right side of your mailing label indicates the year your membership is paid for.
Membership term is January 1, to December 31.
Your partnership is important to us.
Please renew to-day

FROM THE PAST:

Wentworth Historical Society Minutes
1908 -1948
JUNE 3RD, 1913

A meeting of the Citizens association of Saltfleet was held in the Parish Hall on June 3rd 1913 at 8 p.m. President G.W.Millen presiding - 7 members being present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Treas. presented a financial statement showing a balance on hand May 23rd of \$7.75.

The Decorating Com't reported progress in the arranging for outside decoration along the line of march on the day of the Celebration June 6th. Mr. Jones having announced that Robinson & Co. of Hamilton had offered a \$5.00 cash prize for the best decorated vehicle, it was decided to accept this kindly offer.

Prizes were also donated by Mr. G. W. Millen of \$5.00 and Mr. Oliver Nash of \$3.00 for the 1st & 2nd prize for the best decorated house - Erland Lee. J. Jones. Dr. Thompson.

George Millen

HAMILTON SPECTATOR 1889:

The Hamilton Spectator reported the transactions of a meeting of the Board of Health on 16 November, 1889, when considerable discussion took place concerning one of the winter activities in the Harbour - that of ice-cutting. In those times, before mechanical refrigeration came into being, ice had to be cut and stored, in ice-houses, where it was packed in sawdust for insulation. The health inspector had heard that a storekeeper had been sold discoloured ice. As it turned out, the ice-house from which it came was situated very close to the Grand Trunk yards, where the sewer from the railway station spewed forth its contents. Although the ice was cut much farther out, the blocks were floated through channels to the ice-houses, which had chain conveyors, or Jack-ladders for raising the blocks into the buildings. Hence, the ice was poled through this filthy water on its way to storage. Limits had been established, at times, defining where ice could or could not be cut, but the answer to the problem was to prohibit the channelling. The ice men would then have to load the blocks on sleighs and team them to the ice-houses.

TWEEDSIDE CEMETERY MUD ST. - SALT FLEET TWP.

The Crown Patent for 300 acres was made to the Hon. Robert Hamilton on the 14th of September 1803.

This cemetery has always been called Tweedside cemetery because of the location.

The church that is on the property was originally Wesleyan In denomination and was later changed to United Church.

Jeremiah Soules deeded 1 acre of land to the Canadian Wesleyan New Connexion on the 2nd of October 1860. The original Trustees were : Abraham Neff, Thomas Lottridge and Henry Hannon, Barton yeomen also James Wiley and Simeon Althouse, Saltfleet yeomen. This was on Concession 6, part of lot 3.

The first person named on a monument In the cemetery is listed as Howland Soules who died December 29 1837. The original church, of Wesleyan denomination was built In 1874. it was part of a 6 point charge In the Ker / Tapleystown Circuit.

The new church was built In 1897 nearer to the road. the church owns .47 acres and the cemetery owns .35 acres. The later being In the hands of the Saltfleet Municipality and is maintained by then.

The church, now a part of the United Church of Canada Is no longer active. It was transferred to a Board of Trustees In 1983 for disposal. This decision was made because of low attendance In the church and high maintenance cost resulting from vandalism.

Transcribing was done In October 1986. The sponsoring organization Is the Ontario Genealogical Society, Hamilton Branch.

This completes coverage of Stoney Creek's 10 cemeteries.

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

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Hamilton Daily Spectator,

Monday, April 22, 1889

On Thursday last four fine cattle belonging to William Stewart, a Saltfleet farmer, died from eating some colored wall paper.

"Rymal", Hamilton Daily Spectator, April 26, 1889
Daniel Fletcher of Saltfleet has taken a trip to the Muskoka district, where he intends spending the summer season.

**THE ROUTE FROM NEW BRUNSWICK TO
SALTFLEET TOWNSHIP AUGUST 1834**

Annis Skidmore Browne married James Forman in New Brunswick on Jan. 21, 1818.

James had learned the blacksmith trade from his father. Jacob Gilbert Forman, the brother of James, went to Upper Canada ca 1830. In 1833 James left New Brunswick to join his brother. Annis with her children kept house for her brother on Fraser Island while her husband was away. Soon she received a letter from Mr. Jessie Churchill telling her that he would call at her father's place as he went down the river, and would take her to Upper Canada to join her husband. With her infant, Frances (Penny) Forman, who was born on March 21, 1834, Annis Skidmore Forman, and her other children left New Brunswick with Jessie Churchill. Her parents, friends and neighbours gathered at her father's landing place to see her off. They boarded the boat with Churchill and moved down the river to Fredericton, twenty-five miles from there to St. John's, one hundred miles then from there they crossed the Bay of Fundy to East Port, where they got on board a sailing vessel to New York, then on a steamer up the Hudson River to Albany. Then they took the canal boat to Rochester, then by steamer to Toronto, then to Burlington Canal, then by teams to Stoney Creek, then up the mountain three miles to Tapley Town near where Jacob Forman then lived and where Annis found her husband waiting for her. "We got there all in good health, had a pleasant journey of four weeks. There

were 19 of us in one company, Old Nathaniel Churchill's family, John Snider's family, and myself and children. James Forman, my husband had a nice house all furnished for us. A nice house across the road Old Mr. and Mrs. Tapley were then both living. They were Jacob Forman's wife's parents. My husband had two good cows for us when we came. He worked in his blacksmith shop near home. Stephen McDonald was our nearest neighbor on our side of the road. He was from New Brunswick so I was not among strangers. We then moved to Stony Creek and stayed there till the McKenzie Rebellion broke out in 1837. It was here that James Forman was born on December 25th 1837. That fall we lived in what they called the Shingled house near Tapley Town. James Forman had a Blacksmith shop in front of our house, to shoe horses for the express between Hamilton and Niagara." In the winter of 1838, James and Annis moved to Burlington Beach. They bought a hotel near the Canal where they lived for ten years. James died at age 46, on May 22, 1844.

In 1845 Annis married William Heaslip and moved to Perth County.

The memoirs of Annis Skidmore Browne Forman were dated October 15, 1875 when she was 77 years old. Annis died on June 13, 1876, age 78 at Forman Lake County, Michigan and is interred in Protestant Cemetery, Stratford.

A complete copy of her memoirs was donated to our library by Alexander Lawrence.

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High Tea Fund Raiser:

On Sunday March 17 at Chandelier Place a High Tea was held by the Nash/Jackson Fund Raising Committee. More than 160 attended, the tea was good, the entertainment terrific. Three young ladies gave everyone a thrill with their Irish/Scottish Dancing, followed by Alana Laing a 14 year old who began her singing career at age six. Her selection of "The Beauty and The Beast, In My Own Little Corner and God Help the Outcasts" were sung with great feelings, as well, the equally talented Hailey Gillis, who also gave us three songs including Danny Boy, a St. Patrick's Day favourite. Two very talented young ladies who will I'm sure go far in the entertainment field. We were also treated to the booming voice of our own Stoney Creek Town Crier who introduced the speaker Dr. Sheila Jaggard.

The Historical Society took this opportunity to present our cheque for \$500.00 to the Fund Raising Committee. Watch for the 2002 Fall Fashion Show Sunday October 27.

HUNTING FOREBEARS:

by Dorothy Reid

When searching for death notices and obituaries in newspapers remember that they are not always found in the classified section or obituary section of the newspapers, but often will appear several days later in the "local news" column of the newspaper.

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Please include Name, Address, Postal Code and phone number.

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