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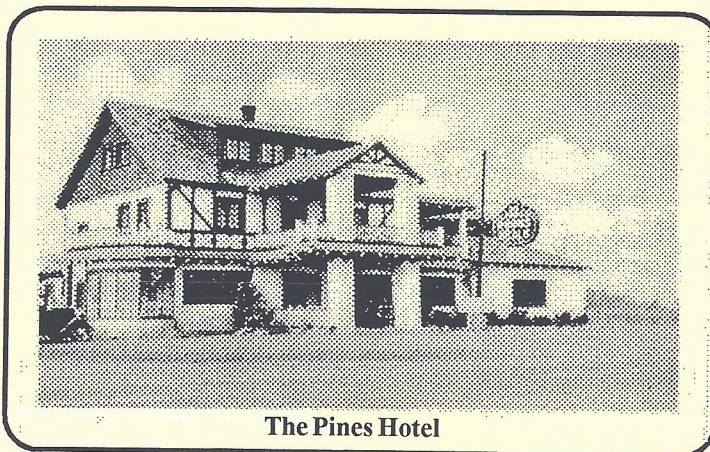
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LOCAL FARMER GREW "HIGHWAY HOTEL"

By Barb Joy

Stoney Creek News September 16, 1981

Picture, if you will, this scene: The time is 1925; the place is the corner of Lake Avenue and No.8 Highway. On the south-western corner stands a farmer selling grapes. Behind him, a little to the west, is a grove of dense spruce trees, part of those surrounding his 40-acre farm fronting on Lake Avenue. Opposite him on the south side is a hot dog stand called "Mac's Lunch", catering to the numerous motorists who refresh themselves here before travelling on to Toronto or Hamilton.



The Pines Hotel

It is a busy crossroads, dust-laden in the dry weather and muddy in the wet. But the traffic it bears could bear fruit, the farmer thinks. And it did. The following year the farmer, Joseph Frank Galbreath, built a gas station on the corner, then a hot dog stand which became a restaurant when he included dinners, and ultimately a hotel when a second story capped the restaurant. His wife gave it a name -The Pines Hotel.

Right from the start, trade was brisk. "I remember customers renting rooms before we had the doors on," said Avalon Phoenix, Mr. Galbreath's daughter. "For privacy we had to lean the doors against the frames."

OVERFLOW OF GUESTS STAYED AT THE FARM

Any overflow of guests was accommodated in the family home on Lake Avenue in which Mrs. Phoenix still lives. During his lifetime, her father built an addition on the back for his family, and converted the original home into four apartments.

The Pines flavored her life as much as the special sauce her father loved flavored the hamburgers he sold. By frying home-grown mushrooms and onions together, then making a sauce which he poured over the bun, Mr. Galbreath created a unique dish customers paid 25 cents for during depression. They enjoyed it as much as the chickens he served.

In fact, her father introduced Stoney Creek to the barbecue. After bringing the idea home from the States, he built a barbecue nook at the Pines and from it served chicken. Perhaps he was a little ahead of his time because it was not very popular then, said Mrs. Phoenix.

But it was she who, as a girl, plucked the chickens her parents killed. Besides that chore she made "hundreds of hamburger patties", helped at the lunch counter,

peeled carrots and potatoes and made salads. She would even help the genial Chinese cook, Kum Sac Lee, make pies

"But I must have been awfully slow because he would often say 'C'mon, boss daughter' to me," said Mrs. Phoenix.

WEDDING BOOKINGS CAUSED PROBLEM

Dealing with the public as they did, small catastrophes were bound to happen. And they did. For instance, two wedding parties were booked for the same room one hour after the other.

"We had baked two wedding cakes and I cut up the wrong cake," she said. "We had squares of cake glued back together again with icing." She remembers, too, a fire breaking out in the fireplace chimney in the dining room. Firemen, Chief. Pat Depew at their head raced through to hack at the wall with axes. And then the hose broke.

Although she sometimes waited on tables, the others who did so were usually male.

"We were so far out in the country it wasn't convenient to hire girls. There was a dance hall down the road and we'd stay open until, maybe 2 a.m. so what waitresses we had boarded in.

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NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome to our membership
Mary Brown, Shelley Swick, Earl & Lynne Walker,

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Marie Brown

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

I greatly appreciate the choice made by the Executive and the membership to elect me as your new President. With your support I shall endeavor to do my best for the Stoney Creek Historical Society. You will be pleased to know that Ron Place who so competently prepares and forwards this newsletter will continue to do so. Many thanks Ron. Our organization has developed a high profile in the community because of our willing hard working members.

Canadian History has always been to me a fascinating and enjoyable subject. The very best part is to visit museums and historic sites. Places like these are always on our family's agenda when traveling.

We must not think of Stoney Creek history as only 18th and 19th century but it continues to grow to present day and to the future. Early settlers to Saltfleet and Stoney Creek were mostly United Empire Loyalists and other British subjects. This changed greatly during the 20th century as families from many parts of the world established homes and businesses here. Thus we have our rich mosaic of culture and history to continue. We encourage members of all ages and backgrounds to join us and volunteer or help in any way with the many projects that we are involved in.

May all enjoy a pleasant and happy summer.

Bill O'Reilly

ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

by Michael Gemmell

The museum held a very successful Pancake Breakfast on April 12th. Despite the one week delay for the event because of the late spring ice storm, the season kick-off went excellently. Many thanks to all the SCHS members who attended.

The museum recently received a grant which will enable us to purchase a digital camera. This will be of great help with the museum's artifact collection management program, as we will be able to take digital quality pictures of all the artifacts in the museum and add them directly in to the computer database.

Finally, the roof restoration will be beginning by the time you read this. The Women's Institutes office says we have raised enough money to begin the project. It is expected that the \$30,000 target will be reached as the work goes on, but the roof desperately needs to be replaced now, as a look at the moss-covered gift shop roof will attest.

To that end, the Erland Lee Museum will be featuring a Buffet Luncheon on **Wednesday, June 11th**, with our tradition Chicken Milano as the centrepiece of the menu.

The fundraising lunch coincides with the arrival of two new mini exhibits in June 2003.

1. **The Farmer's Institutes** and their role in Stoney Creek. Erland Lee was one of many prominent Saltfleet farmers (others included Murray Pettit of Winona and E.D. Smith of Vinemount) involved in the WI in the late 19th century. The exhibit will focus specifically on how this farmers' education society was the precursor to the Women's Institutes formation in 1897.

2. **Queen Elizabeth II** and her connections to the Women's Institutes. This exhibit was featured at Queen's Park in Toronto during Her Majesty's Jubilee Year (2002). Both the Queen and her mother have been WI members of long standing. Pictures, letters, and commemorative plates featured.

And looking ahead to the fall, please join us for the reopening of the museum's *From Saltfleet to Stoney Creek* computer **slideshow display**. High school student volunteers from Orchard Park SS have added and augmented to 2001 community history display with new pictures and sound clips. Part of this display will also be available on the Internet as part of the Virtual Museum of Canada by the end of 2003.

The Erland Lee Museum is always looking for old photos and other information about our community to use in such displays. If you have a picture of Stoney Creek from Winona to Mount Albion, from Elfrida to the Beach Strip, from 1780 to 1970, please give us a call.

Here's to a great summer!

REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

by Marnie Hutchinson

Spring has finally sprung here in Battlefield Park! We invite you and your family to enjoy the beauty of this historic site and come out to one of our upcoming special events.

MURDER MYSTERY IN BATTLEFIELD PARK

Saturday, May 10, 2003

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gather clues by talking to characters throughout the site in order to solve the murder mystery. Prizes to be won! \$5.00 per person

STONEY CREEK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 17, 2003

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Get a start on your spring planting. Many varieties of plants for sale in Battlefield Park's picnic pavilion.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18, 2003

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free admission for visitors who join us as we celebrate Museums Month.

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"HIGHWAYHOTEL"

WETTEST CORNER IN THE PROVINCE

When the Pines got its liquor licence about 1936, the crossroads became "the wettest corner in Ontario" There were two other hotels on the corner, Mather's (now the Da-Nite Restaurant Tavern) and the Cecil Jess establishment.

Her apprenticeship at the Pines stood her in good stead. After she left Saltfleet High School, she took a two-year course in institutional management at Guelph, although she doesn't know whether it did her any good or not.

And then, as girls do, she married.

When her husband, Bill, returned from overseas, they took over the business, working seven days a week and doing "just about everything".

No doubt she missed the genial Chinese cook who had been with her parents for 25 years. Some of those that followed were not quite of the same temperament.

"I had to cook when the chef called in and said he didn't feel well" said Mrs. Phoenix ruefully.

In 1968 they sold the business.

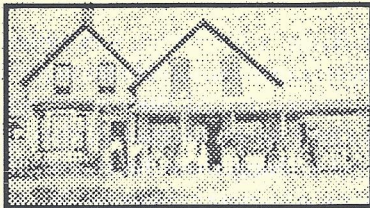
With some alterations, The Pines still stands, mute testimony -to- the farmer who once sold grapes on that site.

WINONA STORE

Winona Centennial 1867 - 1967

The store in the picture is very old, The Late James Millen accessor for the Township of Saltfleet told us the store was built before the house, and the house was erected in about 1832.

When we came here, we were told this store had been the first post office of Upper Canada.



The man in the picture with the coat over the apron is Mr. John Budge. Mrs. Budge is at the door of the house.

In this store Mr. Budge was the first telephone operator. Read the story in this book about the first telephones.

The house still stands although its face has been lifted, the store was taken down in 1946, the lumber used to build a house on Winona Road.

Under the floor of this store one of the timbers was resting out of line, because a stump had been left, and was still there sitting on top of the ground, the roots had rotted off.

What memories this place could have had, if places could remember. The cracker barrel, cheese cutter, buggy whips, horse collars and har-ness, plug tobacco, oil lamps and lanterns. The clerk made the paper bags as they were used, the customer did not ask for sugar by the pound, they asked for 25 cents worth or 50 cents or \$1.00.

During the war of 1812-14 the price of salt was \$50.00 a barrel, or \$10.00 a bushel.

BRICK HOMES:

Saltfleet Then and Now

Brick houses were the ultimate luxury in the home erection for the Loyalists. These were more common in areas where there was suitable brick clay. Saltfleet had its own brick kiln on Fruitland side road just beyond the Methodist Church which is now Fruitland United Church. Miss Lottie Jones U.E. remembers it as a busy place when she trudged past it on her way to the Fruitland School. This brick kiln had three ovens and was in operation until just after the First World War.

A splendid example of an early brick house is the one on Barton Street across from the Fruitland School. It was built by Gershom Carpenter and later owned by his son F. M. Carpenter. F. M. Carpenter was a political figure in Saltfleet for many years. He served as a councillor, a reeve for ten years and in 1876 was warden for Wentworth County. From 1887-1895 Mr. Carpenter was a member of the Federal Parliament for South Wentworth. His grand-son F. M. Carpenter of Stoney Creek follows the family pattern by showing interest in the political destiny of Canada.

A brick house of a later era is the home of J. W. Orr on High-way 8 at Fruitland which was erected in 1907. Its 40,000 bricks had their origin in the Fruitland brick yard. The entire cost of this large home with its slate roof was \$5300. The contractor was D. Marsh of Grimsby with the stone work being done by the Metcalfe brothers who lived on Barton Street and who had learned their trade in Hamilton, Scotland. It is a beautiful and sound structure and no doubt will be in its same state when homes built much later have become shabby and appear much older than they really are.

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REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

SPRING BLOSSOM ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR

Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, 2003

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Two unique artists display their talents and wares at Battlefield House Museum, one stop on a local artist's studio tour.

-Free Admission

RE-ENACTMENT OF

THE BATTLE OF STONEY CREEK

Saturday, June 7, 2003: 12:00 noon to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 8, 2003: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Experience the drama, pageantry and excitement of one of the most important events in Canada's history. Bring the whole family for games and prizes, horse-drawn wagon rides, food, demonstrations, musical entertainment, Chief Tecumseh and the Re-enactment itself.

APPLE FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 27, 2003

11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fall-time harvest fun in Battlefield Park. Games, hayrides, pumpkin decorating, pony rides, entertainment, tours of the Museum and Monument, apple goodies and more.

JIM SMITH'S GHOST ROAMS HOUSE:

From The Stoney Creek News July 15 1981

By Barb Joy

When Viola Daniels hears the old house at the corner of Jones St. and Mountain North referred to as the "Johnson House" her hackles rise. To her it's the Smith house where her grandparents lived for almost 50 years. The house was old when Jim Smith bought it in the early 1900's. "They say it was built by a Jones and it probably was," she said in a recent interview. "But they never mention that my grandparents lived there for a long time.

She remembers the house well. As a small child living on Lake Avenue, she would often climb the stile into the laneway belonging to her grandfather (she still calls it Grampa's Lane but it is now Mountain Avenue North) and run over for a visit through the extensive farmland now totally stacked with houses.

Peach orchards, white picket fence

She passes the orchards with its peach trees and grape vines, passed the long-handled pump with its dangling tin cup and enclosed by a white picket fence, passed the outhouse with its four seats ranging in size from small to large, passed the coop where the chickens tended by her grandmother pecked busily until she came to the wood pile.

Carefully she filled the wheelbarrow with cut wood stacked nearby. "I don't know who cut it, but we would never think of going into the house without filling up the wood box," she said.

She might find her grandmother in the back porch selling milk to neighbors whose individual containers lined her shelf. Or she might be sitting quietly in "the little room", a small sanctuary furnished with a couch, rocking chair and a chest containing the necessities of life for a little girl, dolls and blocks.

Here at her desk, her Aunt Edna prepared her next-day lesson for the kindergarten children she taught before such classes were instituted in public schools.

Grandpa was a true Scot

During the winter this small room was the warmest in the big house because, although Grandpa was a church-going man (he was instrumental in getting the Presbyterian Church moved from Binbrook to Stoney Creek), he was also a true Scot who kept the heat down and few lights on.

It was Grandpa Viola attempted to avoid when she sneaked apples from the root house, stuffing them in sleeves and pant legs and hoping her grandfather was busy elsewhere. The crusty gentleman always made a fuss when her kindly grandmother rewarded her with two pennies for each box of cherries she picked.

Both her grandparents had their share of work. While her grandmother cooked meals for the schoolteachers she boarded there and looked after some of the duties around the farm - including the chickens - her grandfather took on an extra job.

When Saltfleet High School was built about 1927, it had no drinking water so, first thing in the morning and at noon, he set out with a large granite container of water complete with spigot to wet the thirsty throats of the students that attended school "out in the sticks" on Gray's Road. She remembers one older student who lived where Village Green is now, writing letters to the editor complaining the proposed high school was a "white elephant" that should be built in town, preferably around Battlefield House somewhere.

Farm was site of Peach Festival

The farm yielded more produce. It sprouted social events as well. The annual peach festival took place there as well as the strawberry social sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. It was the site of Stoney Creek's first tennis club, a gathering place for all racquet enthusiasts in town. One of its frequent visitors was Ralph Morden, the first student minister the Presbyterian Church ever had.

Every year, the farm resounded to another gala occasion when the Orange Lodge held its garden party there. As a child, Mrs. Daniels remembers trotting across the front lawn bedecked with hanging lights, through the house to the back yard where the festivities took place. "I always went before supper so I could get out the back without paying the 10 cents admission," she recalled.

There she would find her grandfather seated in a chair, hands folded over his cane and a scotch tam on his head, gazing at the crowd at the bingo table her uncle was supervising. When the games were over and the sprightly music began, he would throw off his tam and with a merry "Hoot, mon" enjoy to the full the Highland flings and the Harry Lauder songs they all sang.

Her grandfather's fun loving side came out at those times but his kinder nature did not gain the upper hand until he met loneliness after his wife died. His granddaughter was 17 at that time and for a time, avoided her grandfather. Then he asked her to visit him and so changed was their relationship from that time on that when she became a young mother, she went back to live with him in the old house.

"In fact, my second daughter was born there," she said.

Her aunt had stayed on to care for her grandfather but, after his death, she sold the house to Murray Johnson in the early 1940s.

Silent and drawn, it stands today as a memorial to the days of the hard-working farmer, his family and especially to granddaughter whose memories are very much alive.

GETTING THE LEAD OUT:

Plumbing pipe was originally made of wood or earthenware.

Eventually lead was used. The Latin word for "Lead" is *plumbum* from which we get the word "Plumber".

**DESIGNATED HOME in STONEY CREEK:
THE ISAAC LAND HOME
72 Lake Avenue Drive**

Built in 1912, this finely detailed farm house is one of the finest examples of early 20th century Picturesque styles in Ontario. The house displays a mixture of decorative elements of Gothic Revival origin manipulated into an imaginative visual display.

The home has strong ties to the Robert Land family one of the first, if not the very first, Loyalist families to settle at present day Hamilton. As a result, it has strong historical ties to the local communities and is worthy of designation on historical grounds.

Walter Land, a descendent of Robert Land Sr., was born at Bartonville in 1856. His son Isaac Lorne Land, born in 1886, married Annetta Smith, the daughter of John Barney Smith of Stoney Creek, on May 27, 1914. About the time of their marriage a home was built for the couple on land that had been originally deeded to Stephen Jones, the brother of Augustus Jones, chief surveyor of Upper Canada (Ontario). Isaac and Nettie Land raised fruit and market garden crops on the land, selling their produce at the Hamilton market. Isaac Land died in 1966 and Nettie Land in 1985. About 1984 the property was sold outside the family.

The L-shaped floor plan, the multi-sloped roofs and the two front gables are typical of Victorian Gothic Architecture. Of exceptional interest are the decorative verandas at the front and side, and the intricately carved bargeboards or gingerbread with finials. In addition, the west and south elevations are accentuated with bay windows. The exterior walls are finished white clapboard siding.

Each window sash is topped by a segmental arch and the windows are adorned by green louvered shutters.

The second floor addition was constructed in 1985 on the south-east corner of the house above the kitchen.

Important to the preservation of the Isaac Land House are the original exterior features of the house including the foundation, main roof and mansard roof on the front veranda, the clapboard siding, original windows, doors, bargeboards and verandas.

SUMMER EVENTS:

Murder Mystery: - May 10th 6:30 pm. Battlefield Park. Come out and join us for a fun filled evening.

Battle Week-end: - June 7 & 8 - Entertainment for all of the family, crafts, wagon rides, battle re-enactment, fireworks.

Winona Peach Festival: August 22 23 & 24
Winona Park, Barton Street. Crafts, Midway rides and PEACH SUNDIES

LOYALISTS AND PIONEERS:

KING

Obadiah King, one of the early pioneers of Saltfleet, settled on Lot 3, Conc. I in that township. He probably bought this Lot from John Pettit, Jr., who was granted the land by the Crown. The date that he came to this district is not recorded but as his name was on a document pertaining to the amount of ammunition received from Robt. Nelles, Captain 4th. Lincoln Regiment. 15 December, 1798, it was sometime before this later date.

Obadiah King was born in 1772, died 1845. His wife's name was Mary, born 1771, died 1856. They were buried in St. Andrew's churchyard, Grimsby. The following names, gleaned from various records were probably those of children:
David King, who served with the 5th. Lincoln Regiment in War of 1812.

James King, who also served with 5th. Lincoln in War of 1812. In 1831 he was a Captain in the 2nd Gore regiment. Isabella King, who married William Fuller, 14 February, 1820. Margaret King, who married Wm. Warner of London district 6 Feb., 1823.

John King, who married Hannah Tisdale, 14 December, 1827.

Robert King, who settled in Nelson township, Halton. Married Jennet DeForest, 4 July, 1834.

Stephen King, b. 18 October, 1813, married Margaret Hess, d. 8 October, 1894. Margaret b, 1807, d. 1886. They were buried Stone churchyard, Barton township.

Hugh King, inherited the home farm in Saltfleet. There was also a James King of Wentworth County, son of Charles King. He was born 12 May, 1789 and married Susan Gingery.

Children:

John, James, b. 1820, Abraham, Susan, Sarah, Charles, Nancy, William and George.

Note-The above notes re James King were secured from history of Brant County.

There was also a George King, who settled in Clinton township. He married Magdalena Hansberry 5 January, 1806. Deborah King, who married Joseph Bradt 3 February 1832 may have been a daughter and Margaret King, who married Sidney Bell of Clinton 6 March, 1832 may also have been a daughter.

A George King and Levi King settled in Halton County -Lot 4, Conc. I, Trafalgar township.

From the Annals of the Forty, book 5, page 71.

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CROWN PATENTEES OF SALT FLEET TOWNSHIP:

By Mabel Burkholder and T. Roy Woodhouse

Saltfleet was first settled by Loyalists, some of whom squatted on the lands of their choice prior to the 1788 survey. A few lots were granted to Loyalists who settled elsewhere, and some lots were sold and registered in the buyer's name with the result that the name of the original patentee is now unknown.

The Township of Saltfleet filled up rapidly, but, because most of the settlers got several lots, the first assessment roll of 1816 lists only 102 heads of families.

In the following list, the date of the settler's arrival in Canada (meaning arrival at Fort Niagara in most cases), is shown in brackets. The date of the actual settlement in Saltfleet could be the same year, but might be a year later. These names and registration dates were copied from the County Registry Office by Mabel Burkholder, and elaborated by T. Roy Woodhouse:

BROKEN FRONT CONCESSION

NAME	Lot No.	Pt. of Lot	Acres	Date Registered
John Green (of Grimsby)	1	All	10	Mar. 16, 1813
Abijah Chambers (1797)	2	All	100	Mar. 14, 1798
John Pettit (of Grimsby) (1787)	3	All	72	June 30, 1801
John Pettit, Jr. (of Grimsby) (1787)	4	All	60	May 22, 1805
Nathaniel Pettit (Grimsby) (1787)	5, 6	All	165	Dec. 15, 1796
Gershom Carpenter (1786)	7	All	36	May 17, 1802
Jacob Smith (of Glanford) (1788)	8	All	46	June 10, 1801
James Brundridge	9	All	70	Sept. 11, 1810
John Chisholm	10	All	80	Dec. 31, 1798
Gershom & John Carpenter (1786)	11, 17	All	180	June 22, 1803
John C. Pettit (1787)	12	All	72	Sept. 15, 1803
Charles Pettit (of Grimsby) (1787)	13, 14	All	128	Oct. 24, 1798
John Biggar (1786)	15	All	48	Dec. 31, 1798
William Halton	16	All	30	Feb. 9, 1811
John Pettit, Jr. (of Grimsby) (1787)	18	All	40	Oct. 24, 1798
John Pettit, Sr. (of Grimsby) (1787)	19	All	40	May 16, 1804
Thomas Pettit (about 1790, via Nova Scotia)	20	All	42	May 1, 1798
David Palmer Utter (before 1796)	21	All	43	May 17, 1802

Thomas Bailey	22	All	40	May 16, 1796
Thomas Davies (of Barton) (before 1797)	23	All	50	Feb. 24, 1818
Ephraim Hopkins (bought from A. Jones)	24	All	10	July 8, 1844
James Wilson	25, 26	All, EI/2	40	May 6, 1796
Hon. William Claus (of Niagara)	26, 27	WI/2, All	50	Nov. 3, 1811
John Rickman (about 1788) (to Barton)	28	All	70	June 30, 1801
John Secord (of Niagara)	29	Front	13/4	Oct. 25, 1830
William Kent (part of sandy beach)	29	Front	7	Nov. 30, 1832
Lieut. John Young (of Grand River)	29 to 32	All	40	May 17, 1802
Ebenezer Jones (1789) (Ass't. Surveyor)	33	All	200?	May 6, 1796
John Aikman (of Barton) (1786)	34	All	?	Dec. 31, 1798

WESTFIELD VILLAGE

by Rob Winniger

Events 2003

TimeTravel Trade Fair & 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.

*Sunday, June 1, 12:30 - 4 pm.

War and Peace: The American Civil War:

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 16 and Sunday, August 17 - 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 21, 10 am - 4 pm

Haunted Historical Halloween

Bone up on your history and folklore and discover the origins and traditions of Halloween past and explore plays and presentations guaranteed to tantalize and enthrall the whole family.

*Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th, 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Westfield Heritage Village Hours

Open Sundays and Holidays starting April 6 to October 26, 12:30 - 4 pm featuring hourly tours, restaurant and gift shop.

FROM THE PAST:

Wentworth Historical Society Minutes

1908 -1948
MAY 20th. 1914

A general meeting of the Saltfleet Historical Society was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening. There were 15 members present and president W.E. Corman presided. Fees collected \$ 2.00

The minutes of the last meeting was read and adopted after which the Rev. W. G. Davis gave a report as one of the delegates who went to Port Maitland on May 7th. to assist in the Decoration Service there. The report included a brief history of the death, 64 years ago, of a whole company of the 25th Royal Welsh Fusiliers beside women & children who lost their lives through the sinking of the steamer Despatch which was conveying the troops from Montreal to London West. The catastrophe happened on Lake Erie just outside of Maitland. Most bodies were recovered and buried in one long grave in the Church Cemetery on the shore of Lake Erie. It is marked by a tombstone having a brief account written upon it of the disaster. There had never been a service held before to commemorate the event and the Army & Navy Veteran's Society were represented by their President, John Gardner and Chaplain, Canon Spencer and the Saltfleet Hist. Society by Rev. W. G. Davis, Secretary Treas.

The Rector, Wardens and congregation of Christ Church, Port Maitland, entered most heartily into the service held at the grave and the after service in the Church. There were also 14 ministers including the Presbyterian Minister of Dunnville. Wreaths & other flowers, with the Union Jack, were placed upon the grave and the service closed by singing the National Anthem. It is the intention of the Army & Navy Veteran's Assoc. to hold a similar service on May 7th. every year and judging the interest displayed by all present this ought to become a most interesting event.

It was moved by Erland Lee, seconded by Oliver Nash that the expenses of the Delegation to Port Maitland and the account for flowers placed on the grave, amounting to \$3.00, be paid. CARRIED.

The matter of a Field Day of sports was taken up most enthusiastically by all present - to be held June 6th at Battlefield and the following members were added to the various Committees.

Sports Com. - John Clough, Dr. Green, Sam Nash, Mr. Chittick, John Lee, Principal Johnson, Miss Field, Miss MacKenzie.

Finance Com. - to be added - Geo. Millen Sen., Robt. Dewar, Arthur Lee, A. E. Walker (Bartonville)

Moved by J. F. Felker, seconded by Chas. Moore, that the President, Secretary and Convenors of each committee act as an Executive Com. to carry out all details in connection with the Field Day June 6th. CARRIED.

It was decided to engage Mr. Green's band for \$20.00, 12 men, from 2 to 6 p. m. June 6th.

Mr. J. H. Jones undertook to see Mr. Robinson & Co. in regard to printing 1000 programmes for advertising, the cost of printing to be met through advertisements.

It as also suggested to invite the juvenile S. O. E. and Boy Scouts to take part in sports and to contribute to the programme during the afternoon. This matter was referred to the sports committee.

The Secretary was instructed to make necessary arrangements with W. W. H. S. in co-operation & patronage for Field Day.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.
W. G. Davis (Secretary) Minutes confirmed June 1, 1914

W. E. Corman

STONE HOMES:

Saltfleet Then and Now

The stone houses we find in the township were built in the same era as the frame houses. The majority of these were built by John Barnes a contractor and stone mason. The stone house now known as the Rest Haven Nursing Home on the south side of Highway 8 at Glover's Road is a prime example of a stone house of the early eighteen hundreds. This building known as the Glover homestead was originally built by the Saltfleet Stewarts. It became a Glover home when Samuel Glover married Jane Stewart. The home is over 150 years old. It was in the Glover family until 1967 when M. Glover sold it as a nursing home. At present it is owned by Robert and Marjorie Brodie who are building a large extension but leaving the stone part in its original design. After the extension is completed it will be named the Brodie Nursing Home.

Street Names in Stoney Creek

by Jean Baine

Gray Road:

Runs north and south from Lake Ontario to Palm Court.

Alexander Gray left Scotland with his wife and four children in 1854. They were bound for Chicago and the promise of work. However circumstances prevented this and so Alexander and his family settled in the area that later was the Jockey Club in Hamilton and worked for the Gage family.

Around 1881, Alex Jr., Charles and their father Alexander were able to purchase land along Lake Ontario. Charles' land was a lakefront fruit farm at the end of what became known as Gray's Sideroad.

Men in the area would sell wagon loads of gravel dug from the beach at Gray's sideroad.

Some loads were sold to Lawrence cement works in the village of Stoney Creek while others were for their own use.

Fruit farmers on the road often sold their produce at Hamilton's open market. One such farmer was Col. P. S. Van Wagner who grew many kinds of pears as well as a variety of flowers on his property north of No. 8 Highway.

The land continued to be farmed by descendants of the Gray family until it was sold to the City of Hamilton as the farthest east portion of Confederation Park. This park is a popular spot for walking, picnicking and sports activities.

Oh yes - there is still plenty of gravel on the beach.

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MAIL-ORDER MANOR:

(Canadian Geographic Amy Jo Ehman)

Prairie Pioneers bought more than winter coats and cream separators from the Eaton's catalogue.

They also bought their houses. From 1910 to 1932, the Eaton's catalogue offered a parade of homes, from the one-storey Eastacre (\$517) in 1916) to the stately Earl's court (\$1,577). House packages came complete with millwork, doorknobs, stained glass and fireplaces.

The price of wheat was booming, and after years of hard work, the first settlers were ready to invest in a house.

"They had a sod shack or some sort of thing that they needed to get started. Now they had money, and they wanted to build a house that made a statement," says Les Henry of Saskatoon, author of *Catalogue Houses: Eaton's and Others*. "On the bald prairie, there are no trees. Mail order was the easiest way to make it happen.

Today, hundreds of catalogue homes survive, sheltering a fifth generation of prairie families.

The Founding of the Women's Institute:

*By Mrs. G.A. Gliddon, W.I. Charter member
The Stoney Creek News, March 16, 1961*

One hundred and forty eight years ago the devoted pioneers and soldiers of the King, turned back the tide of invasion at Stoney Creek and the village has a high place of honour in Canadian History.

Sixty-four years ago the 19th of February 1897, through the co-operation of a few far sighted women in the same community gave to humanity what has become the greatest rural federation for women in the world. Some 13 years before we had a women's institute, there was organized in the community, mainly through the efforts and influence of public school inspector Joseph H.S. Smith, the Farmers Institute and Mr. Smith had as right hand man Mr. Erland Lee, a young farmer of Saltfleet Township. To Mr. Lee we are indebted for the Women's Institute for it was Mr. Lee who made conditions possible. After hearing Mrs. Hoodless speak at the Agriculture College in Guelph to the Experimental Union Mr. Lee invited her to speak at their open meeting with their wives present, at Stoney Creek and she said that if the men in their institute profit by consultation and study and learned how to care for and raise better stock why couldn't their wives help in the work for betterment of the farm and home. Mr. Lee was the only man present and 101 women who met at Squires Hall the 19th of February 1897.

Mr. Lee was chairman and Mrs. Hoodless guest speaker. The following officers were installed - Honorary president Mrs. John Hoodless, Hamilton; president, Mrs. E.D. Smith, Winona; secretary, Mrs. Maggie Nash, Stoney Creek; treasurer, Mrs. J.H. McNeilly, Stoney Creek; Mr. Lee, Major Carpenter, and Senator E.D. Smith strongly backed the new body, and Mr. Lee helped materially in writing the Institute's constitution and by-laws. So I think the committee appointed to purchase and prepare for the opening service at the new plaque to be unveiled this spring on the Lee Farm on the mountain. It is to include the two names, Mr. Erland Lee and Mrs. John Hoodless as co-founders.

Members Potluck Picnic:

Friday June 13 at a new location. Shirley and Jack Cranston have invited the Stoney Creek Historical Society to hold the picnic at their home and property in Ancaster near Duff's Corners. (map attached) This home is as close to being a museum as possible and will be a treat to see. Don't be disappointed by not attending. We will gather at 5:30 pm. With supper at 6:00 pm. Rain or shine. Your phoner will fill in the details. Car pooling can be arranged.

Did you Know?

How Grocers get their name? They sold goods by the gross.

Stoney Creek Historical Society

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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

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Membership Term January 1st. to December 31st.
Please complete application and make your cheque payable to
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The Stoney Creek Historical Society Library which is located within the offices of Steel Market Place is accessible to all society members, is not staffed.

Select Publications may be borrowed by members only for a period of 2 weeks and must be signed out.

Please realize that this arrangement has been given to the society at no cost to us and is a greatly appreciated convenience. We ask you not to involve the owners for assistance in your research. We also ask you to please leave the room neat and tidy.

Our appreciation to Karen & Peter Orr
for donating this library space to our society.

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FUTURE SPEAKERS

June Meeting will be Members Annual Picnic
Fri. June 13, Society Members Picnic (See page #4)

No meetings scheduled for the summer.

Wed. Sept. 3, Margaret Houghton - Distaff side of Women
in History.

Wed. Oct. 1, Wesley B. Turner speaks about Isaac Brock.

Wed. Nov. 5, Bishop Spence - Flags and Heraldry.

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Non Members must remit a fee of \$5.00 per query, which will be dated when received and printed in the order received as time and space allow.

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

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