

Remember the Corman House

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NEWSLETTER

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OLD HOUSE DOOMED WITHOUT HELP:

By Harry Foell
Hamilton Spectator
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STONEY CREEK - One of the oldest houses in the Niagara Peninsula will be demolished unless somebody takes it over and pays for its upkeep.

But it appears that nobody wants the house known as Harmony Hall because it would cost thousands of dollars to move it from its present site, which is to form part of the Satellite City development.

The Larry Williams family, which has sold the land but still owns the house, would like to give it away.

The two-storey wooden house was built in 1800 by William Davis, a United Empire Loyalist who settled at Mount Albion after the American Revolution.

Mr. Davis, who came to Canada from North Carolina, and his descendants owned the house until 1885.

It was then sold to William Preston, and in 1895 it was bought by the Gilbert Williams family.

Frank Shaw, assistant general manager of the Hamilton region conservation authority, said the possibility of taking over the house had been discussed, but the conservation authority decided against it.

"It is not located in a conservation area," said Mr. Shaw. "There is also the question whether it could be moved."

Mr. Shaw said even if the house could be moved, it would cost a fair amount of money. He also estimated that monthly upkeep would be \$500.

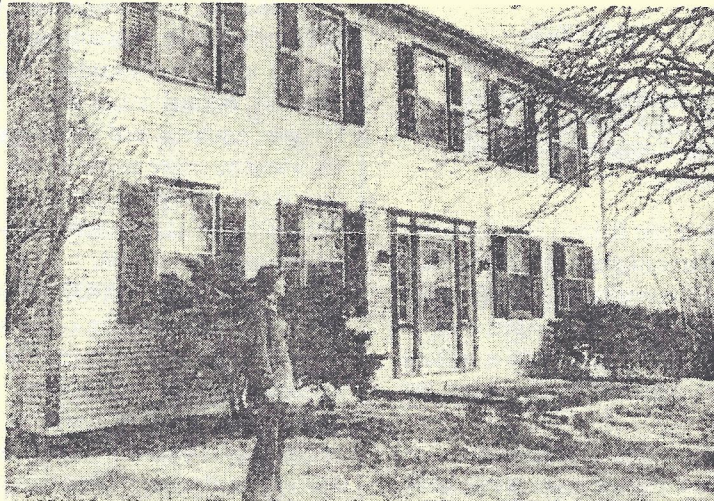
The town of Stoney Creek has also been contacted about taking it over. but several politicians are luke warm about it.

Mayor Gordon Dean said a report being prepared by the town administrator will be studied before a final decision is made.

But, Mr. Dean conceded that "his feeling has cooled off" about taking over Harmony Hill because of the costs involved.

Said Alderman Don Smith, chairman of the executive committee: "It would be nice if we could handle it.."

Deputy-mayor Jack Farnworth said it seems beyond the capability of the town to take it over because



Dorothy Williams stands before Harmony Hall as if looking for the person who will save it from demolition.

of the costs..

The matter is to be discussed later this month by the executive committee.

Community News

September 1926

The village is not going to have the bridge altered this year after all. It seems no money has been set aside by the township for this purpose, so our old bridge has got to be an eyesore for yet another year or so, but it is going to be altered.

NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome to our membership
Edna Barnes, Georgia Derrick, Marion Detar-Rielly,
Ricki Stevens,

*This Newsletter
is sponsored by
Marie Brown*

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

History is a journey from the past to the present. Our Stoney Creek Historical Society's aim is to guide you through this journey of Stoney Creek history.

This is done by having monthly speakers of historical interest and providing materials in our library. Many donations of books and archival material have been donated for which we are grateful and more materials are very welcome.

During the spring and summer we will have a display of old photos and oil lamps at the Erland Lee Museum. Private collections on loan would be appreciated. Some of us did this last year at Battlefield Museum. I am sure there is much Stoney Creek history in storage waiting to be researched and displayed. If you have not visited our two local museums lately or our library do drop in.

We thank you for your continued support and interest in the Historical Society.

Enjoy the summer.

Bill O'Reilly

ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

by Michael Gemmell

The staff and volunteers of the Erland Lee Museum would like to thank everyone who came out to the Pancake Breakfast(s) in April. We hadn't intended to run the event two Saturdays in a row, but the big snowstorm April 2 made it a necessity! The museum would like to extend a special thanks to the new Battlefield Optimist Club for doing the grilling on April 9th.

Upcoming events at the Erland Lee Museum include:

May 7-8 – **Doors Open Hamilton:** The museum is one of 40 heritage buildings in Hamilton open to the public at no charge. (10-4 Sat, 12-4 Sun). Call Tourism Hamilton at 905 546 2666 or drop by the Erland Lee Museum or the Public Library for a guidebook.

May 26 – **Stoney Creek Charter Branch Annual Meeting** (7:00 pm)- Join the original Women's Institute for the 108th annual meeting, featuring a guest speaker and light refreshments. No charge.

May 28-29 – **Stoney Creek's Spring Blossom Art Tour:** Sixteen local artists present an art show and sale in six Stoney Creek heritage sites. 10-5 Sat and Sun. No charge entry to Drive House.

June 18 – **Murder Mystery Dinner:** An evening of intrigue at Edgemont. Solve a mystery in the Drive House and museum. Dinner and drinks will served at 6:00 pm. Death to follow soon after... Reservations required. Call 905 662 2691.

July 13 – **Quilting Workshop** at the museum.
More information can be found at www.erlandlee.com or by calling 905 662 2691.

REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

Information not available for this issue.

INCORPORATE STONEY CREEK AS A VILLAGE

Historic Place Has Grown Sufficiently to Claim Higher Powers

Hamilton Herald December 15, 1930

It is just about five years ago that the citizens of Stoney Creek decided that they would like to have some say in the management of the affairs of the Village. Owing to it being part of the township of Saltfleet it was out of the question to expect the council to do something for the village that it was not prepared to do for other parts of Saltfleet. Steps were taken towards making it a police village, and on April 8, 1926, the first trustees were elected in the persons of A. Walker, Dr. B. E. Thompson and Thomas Dale, who continued in office until the following January when Dr. Thompson retired and J.T. Chittick was elected to fill the vacancy. The same trustees have been annually elected since then largely on account of the services rendered and the energetic manner in which they set about to make needed improvements which include a fine street lighting system, the laying of sidewalks, and similar works all of which have been accomplished without increasing the tax rate.

INCORPORATED VILLAGE

At the beginning of last year it was felt by many that the time had arrived when the village should be incorporated in order that it should have still larger powers in the management of its own affairs. So a petition was presented to the county-council requesting that it be elected into an incorporated village. This was granted and passed on to the provincial secretary for his endorsement and today marks the beginning of a new era in the life of this old historic place.

MAY GET WATER SUPPLY

One of the limiting factors in the development of this highly desirable suburban residential district has been the lack of an adequate water supply but it is expected that by April next this handicap will be removed as the people have authorized the trustee to go ahead and install a system that will take care of present and future requirements.

REFUSED EMOLUENT

When the new council is installed in office it will take over the duties that have been so ably and conscientiously carried on by the present trustees, who have given of their time and services gratuitously since they were first elected even though they had the right to take a certain sum each year, and in spite of the fact that the ratepayers had passed a resolution urging them to do so. It is expected that they will be elected as members of the first Village Council.

SMALL TALK:

£ or lb. — Meaning pound:

The abbreviation originates with the Latin phrase *Libra pondo*, which means "a unit of measurement by weight." The Romans shortened the phrase to *pondo*, which ultimately became pound in English, but the abbreviation of the first word -*lb.*, for *libra*- endured. The symbol for British currency is a stylized L, or £, which comes from the same source. The value of the British pound was originally equal to one pound of silver.

Mrs. — Meaning a married woman:

Originally, Mrs. was a shortened version of *mistress*, a word that used to mean "wife" but has since acquired a very different meaning. Strictly speaking, because the word it once abbreviated has changed its meaning, *Mrs.* is no longer an abbreviation - unlike *Mr.* its male counterpart, which can be spelled out as *Mister*.

HUNTING FOREBEARS:

by Dorothy Reid

Member Virginia Miller is seeking information about the Soule family who lived in Tapleystown. They came from New York State in 1810. Howland Soules and his wife Mary Hagaman had a daughter named Deborah who married Bernard Tweedle. She is also searching for related Hagamans and Springsteads. If you can help Virginia you may contact her by email:

vjmill@telus.net

WESTFIELD VILLAGE:

by Rob Winniger

Events 2005

Saturday May 7, - 8.00am. *Special Hours.* Doors Open, A free tour of the village.

Sunday May 22, Re-dedication of the T.H.& B. Steam Engine Locomotive. A must for train Enthusiasts.

Sunday June 19, *Fathers Day* - Antique Hobby and Steam Show.

Friday July 8, Murder Mystery - *Advance tickets required.*

SUMMER FESTIVAL:

Fridays August 12 and 26, Evening. Twilight Heritage Walk - Our History's Ghosts. *Advance tickets required.*

Sunday September 18, 10.00 am. To 4.00 pm. Anne of Green Gables Day, - 10th Anniversary

Westfield Heritage Village Hour Open Sundays and Holidays April 6 to October 26, 12:30 - 4 pm

featuring hourly tours, restaurant and gift shop.

STONEY CREEK

CANADA FLAG DAY PARADE:

36th. Annual Parade

Saturday June 4, 2005, 12:00 noon

Again this year the Stoney Creek Canada Flag Day Parade will depart Cardinal Newman high school parking lot, moving south on Grays road to King Street where it will travel through the downtown to the enjoyment of kids young and old, who will enjoy the bands, the marchers and many entertaining participants. But! Do you remember the beginning of this annual event?

In 1969, the Kinsmen Club of Stoney Creek was looking for a project. A member suggested honouring the new Canadian Flag. From this idea sprang the Stoney Creek Canada Flag Day Parade. A committee planned and promoted the event, invited many bands, floats and displays. Bobby Gimby with his golden musical horn led many school children along the parade route singing CA-NA-DA. The designer of the flag, Colonel George Stanley had been approached and was pleased to be a guest. Many local dignitaries adorned the reviewing stand. The parade has been roaring success that continues to this day with the exception of one year when the parade was not held because of financial problems and lack of volunteers.

The 2004 committee was formed and in spite of many obstacles brought back this great event. Many sponsors came aboard to see the return of the parade and succeed they did. Now! In 2005 the parade will continue to thrill the spectators because of the hard work by the group. It is hoped that many new entrants will add to and make this another memorable parade.

The Stoney Creek Historical Society has participated for many years with a display of old and classic cars arranged by member Harry Brown, a display that many spectators do appreciate, a touch of the past. Do your part by attending and inviting friends to join in the festivities, lets make this the best attended parade yet.

Ron Place

SUMMER EVENTS

Stoney Creek Canada Flag Day Parade June 4th. 12:00 Noon.

Car Show - following the parade, King Street between Elm St. & Lake Ave.

Battle Week-end June 4th. -5th. Entertainment for all of the family following the parade. Crafts, wagon rides, battle re-enactment, fireworks.

Winona Peach Festival. August 23, & 25.

Winona Park - Barton Street. Crafts, Midway Rides and PEACH SUNDIES

FOR SALE Homer Pigeons call at Stewarts barber shop.

FROM THE PAST:

*Wentworth Historical Society Minutes
1908 -1948*

1915, June 7, 8, 9,.

A report on Sports Day 1915

Attendance - A well attended procession including school children from all the schools in the Township of Saltfleet, headed by the band of Mr. Green, started from the Village at 2.PM. and marched to the Battlefield Grounds where they joined in singing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. Afterwards were addressed by Mr. C.R. McCullough, founder of the Canadian Club, Rev. Mr. Daniels, Rev. Cannon Davis and recitations by Miss Green of Hamilton. This part of the programme brought Part 1 to a close and the remainder of the afternoon being freely indulged in sports.

Weather - The weather being all that was required and the committee working all to a success.

Refreshments - The Women's Institute of Stoney Creek provided the refreshments and proceeds, after deducting expenses, were handed to the Red Cross Society.

Minutes confirmed June 9th, 1915 - W.G.Davis, *President*

Note! - *This date cannot be correct since the final meeting of the Sports Committee is not likely to have taken place before the event. Since the previous report of the success of the day was confirmed on June 9th, I assume that the correct date here should be June 9th instead of May 9th.*

H. G. & B Railway Clips:

1895

The H. G. & B. company was served with a notice in April to cease running its cars on Sundays in contravention of "Bronson's Blue Law" or face penalties of \$400.00 for every car or train that ran more than one and one half miles outside the limits of any town or city. The conductor was also made liable. The company, however, proved to the authorities that their charter had been received before the law came into effect and they could, therefore, legally run their cars on Sunday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

September 1926

30 NEW LIGHTS FOR THE VILLAGE

At last Stoney Creek Police Village Trustees have gone into the lighting subject, and have decided to place 30 new lights along the main and side roads. This certainly has been a long-felt want, and it shows that the men holding the position as trustees are taking the wishes of the citizens seriously.

STONEY CREEK 1833

*Copied from a document at the Joseph Brant Museum
Burlington Ontario*

Stony Creek is six miles from Hamilton on the Niagara Road in the Township of Saltfleet. It is a considerable village containing several stores and taverns. From the summit of the mountain, overhanging the village is a splendid and most extensive prospect perhaps as beautiful as can be met within Canada. The county both above and below the mountain is extensively cultivated.

A few miles from Stony Creek on the mountain towards Ancaster is the country known by the name of Albion Mills in the Township of Barton. These mills are turned by a powerful creek which passes through a most romantic ravine in the course to Burlington Bay.

There is a burning spring in the beautiful woods extending down into the valley. The farms around here are large well cleared in high cultivation with good houses and orchards, barns and stock.

It is the nearest route from the western district to Lundies Lane, by Smithville in Twenty Mile Creek.

*Message on a board in front of a church north of
Toronto.*

"Feeling depressed?

Too much Anxiety?

Can't get enough sleep?

Come in and listen to one of my sermons."

THROUGH THE GARDEN OF CANADA

From Winona Centennial 1867 -1967

Part 3

Our First Pleasure Point

The picnicker is on pleasure bent and fruit must be left for the minute. A five cent fare from the city reaches Reservoir park, just beyond the junction of the electric and steam roads. Too many people have imagined that this beauty spot is closed to the public, it is not, and there is no more beautiful spot any-where for the quiet little picnic party than within its limits. Not only is it in itself beautiful, with its well kept walks, beautiful flower beds, and great artificial lake of purest water, pumped from the depths of Lake Ontario, miles away, but from its level a grand view of the valley below, the famous Hamilton Bay and Beach, and Lake Ontario itself stretches before the eye. An ideal spot for the picnic party, well worth the visit of the stranger, and withal easily and most economically reached. The attendants at the reservoir, all employees of the city, are most courteous, and gladly show visitors the working of the waterworks system as it is operated from that point. The working of the great standpipe used in case of fire is an interesting operation and one that will interest all lovers of mechanics and engineering. The standpipe is in rear of the reservoir.

**DESIGNATED PROPERTIES
in STONEY CREEK:
THE GLOVER HOUSE
199 GLOVER ROAD**

Built in 1888, the Glover House is a fine example of Picturesque style which has many of the fancy intricate decorative elements of Gothic Revival origin as clearly exemplified in this house. The house is built of red limestone quarried at Queenston and drawn by horse and wagon to the site. This stone is visible on the north and east facades. Of architectural interest are the gables which are decorated by finely-detailed foliated chain link bargeboards accented by a turned finial at each of the three peaks. The front facade of this house is interesting with its central doorway, two symmetrically-placed bay windows and the intricately detailed veranda.

The veranda exemplifies the Picturesque decorative elements with its wood railings, turned columns and fanciful treillage below the mansard roof. Important to the preservation of the Glover House are the exterior stone facade and foundation, as well as the windows, front door, bargeboards, veranda columns and decorative fretwork frieze.

John Glover, born on January 31, 1770, was the son of Francis and Rebecca Glover. In 1795 he married Mary Birge and moved to Canada with her in 1805. John Glover settled in Saltfleet Township and engaged in the selling of farm products, as well as raising and treating horses. In 1823 he purchased Lot 13, Concession 2 and Lot 13, Concession 3, west of the road that now bears the family name. Alexander Stewart Glover Sr., grandson of John Glover, married Margaret E. Dean in 1863. In 1888 they built the Glover House. Alexander Glover Sr. engaged primarily in fruit farming, growing cherries, plums, grapes and pears. He sent cars of fruit over to the E. D. Smith farm for widespread distribution.

Herbert D. Glover, son of Alexander Glover Sr. and Margaret Glover, was a successful fruit farmer and became active in municipal politics. Having been elected to Saltfleet Council in 1925, he was chosen as Warden of Wentworth County in 1932. He served in a number of capacities including President of the Ontario Agricultural Council and Chairman of the Wentworth County Police Commission.

The Glover House remained in the family until 1966. Soon afterward it was converted into a convalescent facility, first known as Resthaven, then Brodie Nursing Home and currently known as the Stoney Creek Lifecare Centre. The Glover family has connections with a number of Saltfleet pioneer families, including the Pettit, Orr, Dean, Green, Biggar, Stewart and Smith families.

DID YOU KNOW:

In the 1700s, trappers could get a dollar for a buckskin. Hence the term buck.

**FLAG ANNIVERSARIES
Wentworth Public Schools**

February 5 th .	1841 - Union of Upper and Lower Canada.
March 14 th .	1791 - Founding of Upper Canada.
March 24 th .	1803 - Birth of Dr. Ryerson, the founder of our present Educational System.
May 23 rd .	1903 - Empire Day.
May 24 th .	1819 - Victoria Day, birth of Queen Victoria.
June 6 th .	1813 - Battle of Stoney Creek.
June 14 th .	1853 - Wentworth made a Separate County.
July 1 st .	1867 - Dominion Day.
September 18 th .	1669 - Burlington Bay discovered by La Salle.
October 17 th .	1763 - Canada became a British Province.
November 9 th .	1841 - Birth of King Edward VII.
December 24 th .	1814 - Treaty of Gent. - War of 1812 -14.

Teachers are requested to raise the flag and to explain the reasons for so doing, on each of the above-named days. These incidents have been selected with the view of giving the great events in Canadian History, more especially those connected with Ontario and the County of Wentworth. They are arranged according to the month of the year, and not according to the sequence of events. The flag may be raised on the last day of school in each year in honor of closing the War between Britain and the United States.

J.H. Smith

Public School Inspector,

THE HEROES OF STONEY CREEK:

Respectfully inscribed to the Wentworth Historical Society

on the occasion of its Twentieth Annual Meeting
7th. June 1909

*Their bodies are down in the dust;
Their souls are still living with us;
And Wentworth will always, we trust,
Preserve their proud memory thus.*

*They saved both the cream and the crown
Of the fairest Dominion on earth;
And won everlasting renown
To themselves and the land of their birth.*

*No need to give names: they will glow
Like stars on the forehead of Fame;
And ne'er shall an enemy crow
O'er the land which such heroes can claim.*

-Wm. Murray.

Hamilton; 7th. June, 1909

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

*By Milton Watson
Stoney Creek News
November 29 1972*

If one looks at the survey of Augustus Jones 1791 of Saltfleet there will be seen that one, John Aikman, claimed lots 34 of concession I broken front. He later owned lots 1 of concession 1 and broken front in Barton Township which lands would lie beside these two lots. However, according to Mr. John Aikman of Hamilton who is a direct descendant of this John Aikman, he never lived here but his story is so interesting that I have included it.

Captain John Aikman was born in Pennsylvania in 1764 and was the eldest son of Alexander Aikman who came out from Scotland about 1760. His mother was Hannah Showers whose father served in the Butler's Rangers during the Revolutionary war. The young couple went to Ancaster in 1788 before the township was surveyed. His name on the Saltfleet township survey shows that there was a fairly close relationship among the early settlers of this whole district. His claim to land in Ancaster was confirmed in 1793. His wife, as the daughter of a Loyalist was given title to lots 2 on concession II and III in Barton Township where they moved later. Here he built a log house in 1812 and replaced it with a frame house. This house was at the south-east corner of Sanford Ave. and King St. and was not demolished until early in the present century. The house was used by army officers during the war of 1812-14.

Captain John served in the 5th Lincoln regiment and his two sons Alexander and John Junior, served in Captain Durand's company and fought at Queenston Heights. John Junior became a Lieut.-Col. of the Ancaster Regiment. He owned and operated a mill. A third son, Michael, joined the calvary and later became M.P. for Barton. A daughter, Hannah was the first wife of the Rev. Egerton Ryerson who established the school system of Upper Canada which has changed little since its beginning. Captain John was a charter member of The Barton Lodge No. 10 now No. 6 which meets occasionally in the Stoney Creek Masonic Temple. For some time the lodge met at the Aikman loghouse. But Mrs. Aikman objected to the late nights and the amount of whiskey consumed. A minute of 1794 reads "the liquors for the use of the lodge shall be purchased by the barrel or quarter cast and the said liquors to be deposited with Bro. S. W. Aikman and that he is accountable to the Lodge for the same." Captain Aikman, Richard Springer and three others were the first trustees of First Methodist Church, Hamilton, which postdated by some years the First Stoney Creek Methodist Church. John Aikman was also one of the three commissioners of the Burlington Canal when it was constructed between 1823 and 1832.

An interesting letter written by John to a brother Levi is still extant. He wrote, "I propose building mills and I would wish you to procure iron for us this winter. The heavy irons such as the spindle and guggins for the grist mill, the crank

and guggins for the sawmill and I should wish you to take directions from some millwright and git them sizeable, and I want you to git me a rifle such as will carry about sixty balls to the pound."

Both John and Hannah were buried in the First Methodist Church cemetery. The present John Aikman and his son, John are descended from Alexander. The oldest sons.

CROWN PATENTEES OF SALT FLEET TOWNSHIP:

*By Mabel Burkholder and T. Roy Woodhouse
Continued from February newsletter*

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:

CONCESSION SIX

NAME	Lot No.	Pt. of Lot	Acres	Registered
Hon. Robert Hamilton (of Queenston)	I to 3	All	300	Sept. 14, 1803
John Tweedle	4	Part		1869
William Cowell	4	Part		1870
Thomas Tweedle	5	Part		1868
Henry D. Williams	5	Part		1870
Zechariah Jacobs	6	Part		1871
Theophilus Sampson	7, 10	All	400	April 6, 1797
Margaret McCool	11, 12	All	200	Mar .1, 1797
Anna Freal	13	All	100	April 16, 1807
Sarah Myers	14	All	100	April 16, 1807
Robert Davis (1794)	15, 16	All	200	Dec .31, 1798
Samuel Williams	17, 19	All	300	June 22, 1796
Ebenezer Jones (1789)				
(Ass't. Surveyor)	20, 21	All	200	May 17, 1802
Adam Vroornan (1787)	22, 23	All	200	Dec. 31, 1798
Benjamin Smith (Grimsby)				
(1788)	24, 25	All	200	May 17, 1802
William Gage (1789) -	26, 28	All	300	May 17, 1802
John Ghent (about 1796)	29	All	100	Oct. 13, 1803
Robert Isaac Dey Gray (Solicitor Gen.)	30	All	100	Aug. 1, 1801
William Davis (1790)	31, 32	All	200	Mar. 10, 1797
Augustus Jones (1789)				
(D.P. Surveyor)	33, 34	All	175	Dec. 14, 1798

LOYALISTS AND PIONEERS:

NASH

Samuel Nash was born in Bedford, Connecticut, U.S.A. in 1778 and came to Upper Canada in 1800. He married Susanna, daughter of William Gage and in 1809 the latter deeded to his daughter Susannah, Lot 28 Conc. III, Saltfleet township. This farm has remained in the Nash family for nearly one hundred and fifty years and the house is a splendid example of early colonial structure. Susanna Gage Nash died in 1823 and Samuel married secondly Barbara Spera (1791 -1879) widow of Henry Spera.

Children of Samuel and Susannah (Gage) Nash:-
William, b. 1813 d. 1892, married Margaret Spera b. 1816 -1895. They settled on Lots 28 -29 Conc. IV, Saltfleet.
Children:

John Gage, m. Jane McKay. Lived on Lots 17 -18, Conc. III, Saltfleet.

Barbara, m. Adolphus Freeman.

Matilda, m. Andrew Freeman.

Margaret, m. Palmer Utter.

Deborah, m. a Mr. Lee.

Samuel, m. a Miss Potruff.

William, m. Annie Gage.

Alberta

Katherine, m. John Killman.

Sarah, m. a Mr. Beamer.

Nathan

Henry, died 1865, age 13 years'.

Henry, b. about 1815, married Lydia Horton. Licence issued 21 September 1842.

Hannah, m. a Mr. Dunning, Lived in Chicago.

Anna (Polly) Family history states that she: married a Mr. Cline. An Anna Nash married Johnson Goodale. Licence issued 7 Oct. 1839.

Sarah, m. a Spera -Henry probably.

Samuel, born 1822, married Anna Catherine Munn. Lived on the old homestead.

Children:-

Rosanna, m. David Smith.

John, lived in Chicago.

Joseph Williamson, married Catherine McDonald.

Susan, born 1824, died 1907. Buried in Stoney Creek burying ground.

Note -The above Nash history was given to the compiler by Mrs. Angus Jackson (Leone Nash).

From the Annals of the Forty, Book #6 pages 59, 61

"BUSIEST PLACE IN TOWN"

*Stoney Creek News souvenir edition
1812 - 1973*

George Dawson in the year 1931, would get up when most other people were getting ready for bed. He would go to the small garage at the back of his house, both of which he rented for \$18.00 a month, and begin his days work.

Behind the wheel of his Ford coupe, he would go out and pick up the milk, bring it back to the garage and bottle it. By early afternoon he'd have the chance to grab a few hours sleep. He still had his deliveries to make. After another two or three hours rest he'd begin another work day.

Nearly 45 years have past, and George Dawson's dairy has grown into what is well known as the Stoney Creek Dairy. In the mid 1950's this ice cream parlour was the busiest place in town. Sunday was always a favourite day for out-of-towners, and it was not unusual for 12,000 to pass through the dairy doors and buy 1200 gallons of ice cream, 400 pounds of bananas, 600 quarts of milk, 10 gallons of sundae syrups, 35 pounds of nuts, and 4,000 cherries.

CASUALTY LIST:

*General Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing, in
Action*

*With the enemy near the Head of the Lake Upper Canada,
June 6th. 1813.*

From Old Stoney Creek Library Documents

Staff — 1 Fort-Major, wounded.

Eighth— 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, 7 Rank and File Killed; 1 Major, 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants, 4 Sergeants, 51 Rank and File, wounded; 13 Rank and File Missing.

49th Regt.—1 Sergeant, 12 Rank and File Killed; 1 Major, 3 Captains, 1 Ensign, 1 Adjutant, 5 Sergeants, 2 Drummers, 62 Rank and File wounded; 3 Sergeants, 39 Rank and File missing.

Total —1 Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, 19 Rank and File Killed; 2 Majors, 5 Captains, 2 Lieutenants', 1 Ensign, 1 Adjutant, 1 Fort-Major, 9 Sergeants, 2 Drummers, 113 Rank and File, Wounded; 3 Sergeants, 2 Rank and File, Missing.

List of Officers, Killed and Wounded.

Eighth— Lieut. Hooker, Killed.

Staff- Fort- Major Taylor, severely wounded. Major Ogilvie and Captain Mundaym. Severely wounded, not dangerously; Capt. Goldrick and Lieuts. Weyland and Boyd slightly wounded.

49th Regt.—Major Plenderleath, severely, not dangerously, wounded. Brigade Major Clark, dangerously wounded.

Brigade Major Dennis Capt. Manners, Ensign Durey, Adj. Stead, Slightly wounded.

*Return of American Prisoners of War, Captured near
Stoney Creek, in the action of the 6th inst.*

Burlington Heights,

June 7. 1813.

2 Brigadier-Generals, 1 Major, 5 Captains, 116 Non-commissioned officers and privates, 1 Lieutenant.

(singed) John Harvey.

MEMBERS BUSINESS/INSTITUTION DIRECTORY:

Appraiser*Quiltmaker*Lecturer	Judy Lyons	602 Rosedale Cres. Burl.	905-639-2441
Britannia Cleaners	Ed Strecker	17 King St. E.	905-662-4971
Chamber of Commerce	Dave Cage	21 Mountain Ave. S.	905-664-4000
Comic1 Books	Tom Laing	Elm/King Plaza	905-664-3777
Watercolours by Doug Mays	Doug & Angela Mays	3 MacDui Dr.	905-643-4541
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
Evans Flower Shop	Karen Evans	5 King St. West.	905-664-3712
Forsyth Hagar Accounting	Anne Forsyth CGA	42 King St. E. Unit#2	905-662-2848
Picture Palace	Joanne Wynhofen	19 King St. E.	905-662-4014
Queenston Stationery	Salam Zoghaib	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
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ANSWERS TO SIXTH GRADE HISTORY TESTS:

The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we couldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

DID YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW THIS?

*If you thought History boring!!! Listen to this
More facts about the 1500s.*

England is old and small, the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When opening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized that they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (*the "graveyard shift"*) to listen for the bell; thus someone could be "*saved by the bell*" or was considered a "*dead ringer*". And that's the truth.....

"A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD"

By Reeve Gordon Dean

Stoney Creek News 1812 -1973 Souvenir Edition

It is hard for a lifelong resident of Saltfleet to preside over the disappearance of our Township.

More than that, my ancestors have lived in Saltfleet for many generations. It seems disloyal even to consent to the notion that the name shall vanish.

The name "Saltfleet" coming as it does from eastern England, has a fine, virile, direct old Saxon ring to it with an almost primitive, rugged beauty and a no-nonsense sound.

It matches well the traditional, practical, and workmanlike attitude of any Saltfleet citizens.

Through most of the hundred odd years of our Township's life, the name was not widely known outside our own County. It is ironic that now, when it is about to disappear, "Saltfleet" is a well-known name industrial and commercial circles all across Canada and in many points of the United States, through the zealous promotion of the Township's Industrial Commissioner.

For the passing of such a venerable and honest name, I shed a figurative tear on behalf of all loyal Saltfleeters. We are consoled thinly in our grief by two things.

For me, the name of Saltfleet will be preserved as long as Saltfleet High School stands, and perhaps in other ways.

The other that which makes some sunshine through our sentimental sorrow is that our new name, Stoney Creek,

is that of a village which was founded even before Saltfleet was established, and which has been a part of us for all our history, except for the last 40 years.

"The old order changeth yielding place to new," and I am certain that there is a bright future ahead for Saltfleet and Stoney Creek, re-organization as the modern, balanced Town of Stoney Creek. Calm seas and prosperous voyage for all our residents.

TAVERN LICENSES ISSUED 1868-69

Township of Saltfleet

submitted by Dorothy Reid

Enos McMillan	\$5.00 - Albert Marlatt	\$5.00
Dougall Turner	\$5.00 - John Atkins	\$5.00
J.W. Lewis	\$5.00 - George C. Barrett	\$5.00
William Campbell	\$5.00 - David F. Fitch	\$5.00
Frederick Corey	\$5.00	

Issued by S. N. Ghent

In the Ontario Sessional Papers of 32 Victoria 1868-69 (31) there is a report on the "Return of the Number of Tavern Licenses issued in each County, City, Town, or Incorporated Village, in detail. Also, the name of the party to whom issued, and the name of the Issuer for each County, with the amount received from such Licenses to date." The report is dated January 6, 1869. You will find the name of the license holder and the cost of the license.

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VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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

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Help us correct the publication "Saltfleet then and Now" and try to keep it up-to-date, it contains a number of errors. We aim to correct and record these errors as we become aware of them. We wish to have our copy at the Stoney Creek Historical Society library as accurate as possible for people doing research. A numbered, coloured dot will be placed next to the error, then the corrected item will be recorded on a separate page at the back of the book.

PLEASE NOTE

Unfortunately, because of late returns and missing books, **it is no longer possible to borrow from our library.** This facility is now a reference library only and material must remain on site.

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

Steel Market Place

(Rear of) 1247 Highway 8, Winona.

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

FUTURE SPEAKERS

No meetings will be held June, July, and August.
Regular meetings continue Wed. Sept. 7, 2005

Wed. Sept. 7, - Shirley Elford, - Glass Blowing

Wed. Oct. 5, - Bob Cousins, - History at Dofasco.

Wed. Nov. 2, - Ed Venn, - History of Stoney Creek Police Force.

DID YOU KNOW:

Long story : In England in 1558, beards were taxed according to their length.

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