



Remember the Corman House

# Stoney Creek Historical Society

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## COMING TO BATTLEFIELD PARK SOON.

by Keith Stelling

The Nash-Jackson house is one of only a handful of surviving timber structures that predate the War of 1812. Built in 1810, it is immensely important in the history of architecture in Upper Canada. After nearly two hundred years of hail and wind, ice and lightening, it remains a fine and sturdy example of our pioneer architectural heritage— an example all the more valuable because it has served as the home of a single family. The excellence of much of its cabinet work— including the Adam style mantelpiece and corner cupboards— is among the finest work of early Niagara cabinet makers.

This makes the house one of Canada's most important architectural heritage buildings. It has attracted the attention of the Pine Society which published an article on the importance of the Nash-Jackson house as an example of the survivability and usefulness of Canada's original pine forests in pioneer architecture. Some of the pine floor boards in the house measure 18 inches in width. Those trees must have been part of Canada's indigenous forest, long before white settlement. So striking is the indoor cabinet work that Malek Karsh, (the famous Canadian photographer's brother) once spent several days photographing the interior of the house. But the house's great curiosity is the dining room: it is in fact, one of the region's earliest surviving school rooms.

Now, with everyone's help, the future for this grand old dame of Canadian architecture may be a little brighter, largely thanks to the concern of Winona resident, Mary Lewis. When Mary caught wind of plans to demolish the house, she knew she had to do something to help save it. "I couldn't sleep at night worrying about that dear old house", she said. "I thought of my grandson and how much he loves Battlefield House. We have a duty to make sure our grandchildren are still able to learn about their Canadian heritage and architecture."

Moving a building of this size and age, requires special professional care and to have it properly prepared, moved, and set up on a full basement, will cost a great deal of money. Already many local businesses have offered their support, but anyone who makes a donation of \$25 or more will receive an income tax receipt. If you would like to help out in even a modest way,

your gift will begin the stabilization of this rich Canadian architectural treasure for our children's children.

In relocating the house, plans are being made to provide a large basement room suitable for lectures and seminars and small wedding receptions or corporate functions. Part of the house is to be used as a tea shop for museum visitors and space is also allocated for a badly needed museum gift shop. Museum outreach programmes are being planned to include heritage house restoration seminars and workshops and a whole list of special fund raising events has been arranged.

*We only have one past,  
And if it's destroyed  
It's gone forever.  
Preservation is the one thing  
we can do  
to ensure that future  
generations will have  
a past to appreciate.*

by Nick Honerkamp

Please help keep the old house alive and preserve this important part of our Canadian heritage. If you want to know how you can help with fund raising events or get involved with volunteer work at the museum, why not give Mary Lewis 643-3665 or Bill Bain 643-1462 a call?

### COMMUNITY NEWS: 1926

An up-to-date Ice Cream Parlour has been opened by Mrs. W. Scott, where she will hope to get a call from all her friends and acquaintances.

*This Newsletter  
is sponsored by  
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Bill & Bernice O'Reilly*

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

The Historical Society is losing a valued member. Mary Kneebone, a past secretary and member of various committees, with her husband Mike and son Joshua are moving to Brampton, this being closer to Mike's employment. Our loss is Brampton's gain. We wish the Kneebone family the very best of luck. You will be missed, please visit us when you are in Stoney Creek.

Many thanks to the volunteers who sold books on the porch at Battlefield House Museum on Battle Week-end. Our sales were \$95.00 for the two day event.

For the many people who lined the streets to see the Flag Day Parade, I hope you didn't get too wet. It was unfortunate that it rained on Stoney Creek's 1998 parade. The work that goes into planning this event is tremendous, and the participants in our display of old cars saw their cleaning and polishing quickly spotted to say the least. Our thanks to all of you for your support.

Our June pot-luck dinner was a great success thanks to Ed and Anna Orr for their hospitality in their garden, a truly beautiful spot. A good turn-out by Society members.

I find it a little difficult bringing up Christmas this early, but, this being the last newsletter before Christmas I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and safe New Year.

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*Rom Place*

### May 15, 1845

A public meeting was held in the Assembly rooms at the Royal Exchange Hotel at which upwards of two hundred persons attended, including the leading gentlemen of Hamilton and neighboring towns and several gentlemen from New York state and R. Mercer from Windsor. The purpose of this meeting was to get the Great Western Railway started.

*From the Wentworth Co. Historical Society, Papers & Records, 1908, page 92*

*Submitted by Dorothy Reid*

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

#### **1999 EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:**

The 1999 general meeting is to be held Wednesday January 6th. at 7.30 p.m.

The following offices are open for nomination

**President. Treasurer. Corresponding Secretary.**

Members are invited to submit names to fill these positions.

The nominating committee will contact members prior to the meeting, or you may call

Bill O'Reilly at 662-2248 to have your name included.

## REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

June seems a long time ago, but that was when we had our Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek again. The day before was set aside for our second "History in Action Day", which was such a success last year. It would probably have been even better this year, had not different school boards declared this day a P.D. day. The ones that did come enjoyed their day immensely.

The weather was very nice for the weekend and we are happy to say that our attendance was up. We had set up stations for old-fashioned games like ring toss, hawk throw and a straw maze which were very popular. Tecumseh had his audience captive again and Saturday night ended with splendid fireworks.

The month of August was marked by a Quilt Show. We are grateful to all the quilters who were so gracious to lend us their precious quilts. All of them were of a high quality. This year we were able to secure the Hamilton Sesquicentennial quilt for display. It is an enormous quilt which takes a while to admire. We are happy that quilting is not a lost art and it is good to know that there are so many artists living among us. Our Summer Camp in August saw 18 youngsters in our care for a week, who had a lot of fun.

This year we could welcome six summer students. Two worked the tours in the museum, two in the Tourist Information Centre, located at our Administration Building and two to assist the staff in clerical duties and designing a new Special Event. The Event they came up with was called "Potato Pandemonium". Many hours were spent in dreaming up the various components and the result was quite spectacular. The students did an admirable job.

Also in August we had the pleasure of a visit from two colleagues from The Borodino State Museum in Russia, the Museum with which Battlefield House Museum is twinned. They were the Director Alisa and the Librarian Olga. They had to take some time to go to Winnipeg where a conference on military re-enactments was being held. Other than that, they spent their time around Stoney Creek. A barbecue in their honour was held in Battlefield Park which about 60 people attended. Mr. Harry Mans of Mountaineer Movers and his wife Elena graciously offered hospitality to the Russian ladies while in Stoney Creek. Since Elena speaks Russian, the Russians must have felt right at home. We are sure that the pair have returned home with good memories of Canada and especially of Stoney Creek.

Our next project is our yearly Apple Festival on Sunday, September 27 from noon to 4:30 p.m. Be sure to visit the Park, especially if there are children in your family. Fun is guaranteed!

Hope you have a pleasant fall.

*Roel van der Meiden*

## ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

The Erland Lee Museum Home is pleased to introduce **Mr. Michael Gemmell**, the new **Curator** for the Lee. Michael comes to the Lee from Kingston, ON, where he worked for six years at Fort Henry, "the Citadel of Upper Canada". He has just completed his Masters degree in History at the University of Toronto, following up on a Bachelors degree in Honours History from Wilfrid Laurier University. His fields are British Victorian history, modern international relations history, and military history.

Although the construction at the intersection at Dewitt and Ridge has played havoc with traffic trying to visit the Lee, we assure everyone that **we are still open**. Hopefully by the time you read this, the roadwork will be complete. The Lee is open daily from 10-4, Tuesday through Saturday, and 1-5, Sundays until the end of November. After November, advance bookings will be required.

The museum is currently preparing **new exhibits** in the 1870s Drive House. Firstly, an exhibit about **Mr. Gordon Lee**, son of the more well-known Erland and Janet Lee, has been completed. Gordon Lee perished in World War I, just after the Battle of Vimy Ridge, and a number of his military possessions are on display. Secondly, the 1997 anniversary centennial of the creation of the first Women's Institute in the world has been commemorated in an exhibit entitled "**100 Years (Plus!) Of Women's Institutes History**", tracing the development of the movement at home and abroad from 1897 down to 1997, and includes selections from the many centennial gifts brought to Lee by overseas visitors.

The Lee is also again contributing an temporary exhibit to the Ontario Legislative Assembly Community Exhibit Program from September 28, 1998-January 25, 1999. This year's theme is "Community Celebrations and Cultural Pursuits in Ontario (1900-1920)". The Lee's exhibit examines Women's Institutes and their social activities in the Edwardian community outside of their traditional educational context. Please stop by Queen's Park in Toronto and tell us what you think.

As for special events, the Lee is offering tours of the home from November 14-30, 1998 in a rural Christmas setting. The home is decorated festively in late Victorian fashion, and Christmas craft-making for children is being offered, along with regular guided tours, and our usual selection of home-made Christmas baked goods for sale. General admission of \$2.00 applies, with no special fees for **Christmas at the Lee Home**.

Finally, the Lee is offering **educational programming** starting this fall. Our program is designed for either of two age groups, Grades 3-5 or 6-8. We extend invitations to schools and to youth groups, such as Scouting, Guiding, etc. The Lee's educational package includes a tour of the Museum, followed by hands-on projects in the Drive House. Craft work, including quilting complete the three hour

package. Our grounds are also suitable for a picnic lunch, and fully equipped washroom facilities are available. General admission of \$2.00 a head applies. Tea/coffee service and lunch catering are also available at additional cost.

As always, you can reach the Lee at 662-2691 for more information on any of our activities, or via E-mail at [mgemmell@istar.ca](mailto:mgemmell@istar.ca)

*Michael Gemmell*

## FUTURE SPEAKERS:

- Nov. 4 1998: Margaret Houghton - "Rest in Peace"  
History of Hamilton Cemeteries.  
**Dec. 2 1998 NO REGULAR MEETING**  
Dec. 11 1998: OPEN HOUSE AT LEWIS HOUSE.  
Jan. 6 1999: Rob Winger - "Westfield History and The Art  
of re-enactment"  
Feb 3 1999: Keith Stelling - History of Herbal Medicine.

## HUNTING FOREBEARS:

*by Dorothy Reid*

### DEATH NOTICES CAN PROVIDE FAMILY HISTORY

At Saltfleet, on the 12th inst., Mary Ann, wife of John Thomas Carscallon, aged 24 years. From "The Patriot", 19 November 1841. (from The Ontario Register, Volume 5, 1881)

At Stoney Creek, Saltfleet, on 24th ult., Dr. George W. Ambridge, in the 29th year of his age, leaving a wife and two young children.

The Banner, Toronto, 8 May 1846  
(from Ontario Register Volumes 5, 1881)

(Died) At Stoney Creek, near Hamilton, on Monday week, Flora, eldest daughter of Dr. McDonald, late of Ballyshear, in Argyleshire, Scotland.

The Globe, Toronto, Wednesday, 15 November 1848  
(from Ontario Register, Volume 5, 1881)

At his residence, in Saltfleet, on Sunday, 31st ult., Dr. John Kennedy, late Deputy Inspector of Hospitals, Bermuda. "The Globe" Toronto, 13 May 1848 (from The Ontario Register, Vol. 5, 1881)

At his brother-in-law's residence, Saltfleet, on 21st inst., Edward, eldest son of J. Coe, Lake Shore.

"The Globe", Toronto, Wednesday, June 28, 1848 (from Ontario Register, Vol. 5, 1881)

(Edward Coe's sister, Ursula, married Lt. Charles Brabazon,

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## I REMEMBER:

*The following article by Gordon Dean is continued from the May issue of the Newsletter*

### A FRUIT FARMING FAMILY OF EASTERN SALTFLLEET

By Gordon Dean

#### SCHOOL DAYS

Beginning after Easter, 1930, my brother Douglas and I attended Fruitland Public School, S.S.#2, Saltfleet, where our mother had been a teacher and Principal, 1914 - 1916. It was during this period that she met our Father, who obviously convinced her to leave the classroom for the fruit farm a few years later. The school was on Barton Street at the corner of Fruitland Road, about 1 1/4 miles from our home. We usually walked to school, except on rainy days, when we got a ride in our parents' car. Our Mother prepared our lunches, which we carried in a honey pail or a lard pail with tight lids. The school's area of service was from the lake to the "mountain", and from Glover Road to Millen Road.

The next public school east of Glover Road was at Winona Road, where it is still. Other than competing against Fruitland in sports events, the most interesting yearly activity there involving Fruitland students was the School Fair in September. We were free to enter items to compete with other pupils of our two schools. My brother and I entered plums and pears and received the occasional prize. Others entered other fruits, flowers, handicrafts. It was something enjoyable on a sunny afternoon!

When I graduated from Senior Fourth or "Entrance" class at Fruitland in 1935, I was ready to go to Saltfleet High School on Gray's Road to study in Grades 9 to 13. Now the distance to S.H.S. was about four miles - a little far to walk - so my parents bought me a C.C.M. bicycle with "double forks" at the front. Boy! didn't I ever think I was somebody with that brand new blue bike!

Now I was able to join a big group of students who biked to S.H.S. from as far away as the Township boundary east of Fifty Creek to the western boundary west of Red Hill Creek. Some days I was even favored with a companion bike rider in the person of our Principal Mr. Freeman, who lived near Dewitt Road in Fruitland and liked to have some fresh air and exercise - to enable him to handle us teenagers, I suppose in the winter or other days of bad weather, we S.H.S. took the bus - not the School Board's bus, paid for by your taxes and mine - but the "Highway King Coach Lines" which I caught at the corner of Glover Road and Highway 8, about 1/2 mile from home. Special Student's Tickets were available in a little booklet at a cheaper price. Hardly anyone drove a car to S.H.S.

#### FOOD FOR THE FAMILY

Our Family always had a good sized vegetable garden. It was fortunate that there was a patch of decent sandy loam soil

close to our house, since so much of the farm was clay soil. We grew lettuce, onions, radishes, cabbage, beets, carrots, peas, beans, Swiss chard, tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, horse radish, strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, black and red currants, and elderberries (ah! those pies!) - all delicious, but they did require work!

Our milk was delivered by truck from Hamilton Dairies; PMC (Pure Milk Co.), HPMD (Hamilton Pure Milk Dairies), or Hamilton Cooperative Creameries. Bread was also delivered door to door by Jarvis Bakery, Grimsby, Mammy's Bakery, Hill's Bread, and Jackson's Bakery, Hamilton. These all had their "milkman" or "breadman" with his own delivery truck, and came daily or 2-3 times per week.

There was a period when Mr. Hind of Winona caught fish in Lake Ontario, and delivered them door to door in a small pick-up truck in the Winona Fruitland area - a real treat!

My parents did grocery shopping in Winona at Best's store by the railway, or at Carroll's Groceries on King St. in Stoney Creek Village, or a small store on Highway 8 at Glovers Road, operated by two Glover sisters, Maude and Martha. Later on Percy Bovaird and his wife had what we now call a "Convenience Store" with gas pumps on Barton Street half-way between Glover Road and Jones Road. For good homemade dairy butter and meat, freshly slain, my Father drove into Hamilton to the Farmers' Market on Saturdays, from time to time.

For major shopping, such as clothing or furniture (which we didn't do very often), our folks had their favorite stores in Hamilton. During the years while Doug and I were going to Fruitland School, our Mother took us to the City late in August to buy shoes and other necessities, and would always take us to dinner at noon in a restaurant near Gore Park — a real treat for young farm boys in those days!

#### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In the early days life must have been rather lonely for the settlers in this new land. Our ancestors, Samuel Dean, was married in Grimsby, probably the location of the closest Anglican Church, where he and his wife, are buried in St. Andrews Cemetery. Later on, St John's Anglican was built at Winona. There were also Methodist preachers, both saddlebag and resident; the present Fifty and Wesley United Churches are their successors. By the early 1900's Winona Gospel Church was founded.

Our family were members of Wesley Methodist Church, which became part of the United Church in 1925, and we remain members. There were times in most summers when picking the ripe crop took precedence over attending public worship services. During our years as pupils in Sunday School, we had some fine teachers who did their best to explain the Scriptures to us, as a guide for our future. Our Mother taught a Young People's Bible

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Class for several years. The women of our congregations in Winona and Fruitland were active in the Ladies Aid, which held community events enjoyed by many of the farm folks and other neighbors.

Social activities besides those associated with the church groups often involved neighbors, whether we were related or not. Many of us enjoyed card games, checkers and crokinole.

#### FAMILY VISITING

We did not do much traveling during the years when my brother and I were growing up - to Niagara Falls and the Canadian National Exhibition once or twice. We did visit aunts, uncles, and cousins more often. One of our Father's aunts from the Spera Family lived with her daughter and near other cousins in Wainfleet, Fonthill, and Fenwick. We enjoyed yearly visits with them.

Our Mother's Family were also farmers, but strictly grain and dairy, beef, pork and fowl producers, who lived in the Elora area north of Guelph. Once or twice we went up by train from Hamilton to Elora - what a long tiresome trip - we thought we would never get there! It was much better when our Father drove us up in the car.

As our Mother was the youngest of nine siblings, six of whom lived near Elora, there were usually many of the family to visit, and see their very different kind of farming, compared to ours.

Also, because our favorite Aunt lived in the Village of Elora, we boys often explored the Elora Rocks, gorgeous gorge on both the Grand River and the Irvine Creek at their junction right in the village. A trip to Elora was a visit to her family home for our Mother and Father and an adventure for us boys. Also it was enjoyable to have those aunts, uncles, and cousins visit at our farm in Fruitland.

#### IN CONCLUSION

What was a fruit farmer's life like in the Fruitland and Winona part of Saltfleet Township earlier this century? There was a great deal of hard work.

You had to watch the developing fruit closely.

Harvesting and selling the crop was sometimes exasperating.

When it was time to replant, it could be hard to predict what crop would be best for 20 or 30 years.

BUT .....

When the weather was favorable ~

When the fruit was of good quality and in demand ~

When our working and picking crew got picking at a good time ~

When we had a chance to eat these delicious fruits, and saw how much others enjoyed them, too ~

**It was a wonderful life !**

## FROM THE PAST:

SEPTEMBER 3 - 1909

An Executive Committee meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 8 pm. There was present Pres. W.E.Corman, Erland Lee, J.W.Green, A.C.Springstead, Charles Moore and (Rev.) W.G.Davis, Sec. Tres. Mr John Gardner was also a welcome visitor.

The meeting was called to consider the taking up of the Provincial Gov't grant of \$200.00 as explained by Mr. Gardner who said work upon the monument should be gone on with to enable the Veterans to receive the grant.

After much discussion it was decided that our Branch should do all in its power to get the monument erected.

Mr.Gardner and committee then discussed the plan of the monument to be erected. It was finally decided to appoint a committee of two to meet Mrs.Fessenden at her house with Mr.Gardner and representatives of those interested. President W.E.Corman and the Secretary was appointed as representatives from the Branch.

The meeting was then adjourned.  
W.G.Davis, Sec.

Minutes confirmed W.E.Corman

#### 102 YEARS AGO:

Tuesday, February 11, 1896 —BLOCKED BY STORM.  
Train service in this district demoralized

#### JOHN GOLDIE:

*submitted by Donald G. Jones*

*Excerpts from "The Diary of a Journey Through Upper Canada and some of the New England States" John Goldie - 1819 (Naturalist). This diary was originally privately published in 1897 and again in 1967.*

**July 8, 1819**

....."After traveling about 28 miles I came alongside the west corner of Lake Ontario — Where the first object that struck me was what to me appeared to be a great body of smoke on the opposite side of the lake, but you may guess my incredulous surpass and pleased astonishment, when I was informed that that was the spray of the great falls — It appeared very distinctly as at no great distance and in calm mornings and evenings the sound is distinctly heard at this place [Burlington], which is thirty miles distant in a direct line—

As you proceed along the west end of [Lake] Ontario,

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you pass between it and what is properly called Burlington Bay, but it's common appellation here is the Little Lake — It is 7 miles across in the widest place — and lies quite alongside the other Lake for 5 miles. The road passes along the beach which lies between the lakes, and is from 100 to 200 yards broad— The only connection between the Lake and the Bay is about 60 yards broad, and through which there was a current setting into the Bay when I passed here — I went two miles from the Lake by which time the sun had sunk below the Western Forests and I thought it best to halt for the night — Where I remained is called Stony Creek — and has three taverns within 100 yards — I was careful to survey them before entrance, and pitched upon one, which was dignified by the title of Hotel — This Day was fair with occasional clouds. Ther. 90

July 9, 1819

"This day take it all "all in all" I consider as the hottest that ever I felt. The morning was very calm and the road lay in a low situation, with high land on one side and woods on both. From 7 A.M. until sunset the mercury stood above 80 F — with very little wind all day. I traveled this day 28 miles and came to 12 mile Creek, being that distance from Niagara. The road all along this way is very good and the Land I consider as being as good in quality as any I have seen since I left Montreal. In all the low lands from Stony Creek where I remained last night I observed numbers of the *Platanus Occidentalis*, being the first I have seen in their natural state — One of the greatest hardships which I endured here, and in many other places, is the want of good water. There is not a drop to be gotten except where the inhabitants have dug wells, which but comparatively few have done, subjecting themselves to one of the greatest inconveniences in life, than be at the trouble of digging for a few feet, when they might possess abundance of excellent water — I see that here they have found no better method of building it in ricks than in the most part of America. Building the hay round a long pole previously fastened in the ground to prevent it from falling down, The top of the pole remains some feet above the hay all winter, and there is no thatch used, I do not think that a more effectual method could be adapted for to rot the hay completely — what is lower down [the St. Lawrence?] Ther. 94"...

Mr. Goldie later gives a brief description of a Tavern and while it probably was more in reference to US taverns could likely be said to describe Canadian ones as well.

....."In a Tavern here there is no separate room for different persons, but all remain in what they call their Bar Room, one corner of which is enclosed and contains their liquors — There is no distinction nor difference among people in a tavern — The President and the poorest person mixing indiscriminately — You can have liquors by the glass or half gill through all America which is by much the best way. Many times in Scotland I have found it extremely difficult to procure lodg-

ings, even where Taverns were plenty but such is not the case in this country, when you can find a tavern you find lodgings if you wish — When a person comes to Tavern here they never ask if they can have lodging, but takes that for a thing of which there is no doubt. I have found the beds generally very good, and all the feather — In upper Canada they are exceedingly infested with bugs, but here they are not near so numerous — Last night I slept none from the fleas, an insect which I have not before met this summer".....

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### HUNTING FOREBEARS

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a member of H. M. 21st Reg, Royal Fusiliers, in 1846. At age 29, Lt. Brabazon died on 12th August, 1850 at his brother-in-law's, James Huddleston, Esq. of Stoney Creek. James Huddleston, Esq., age 36, died at the residence of Daniel Lewis, Esq. Stoney Creek in March 1851. In 1857, on the 28th May, at the residence of Col. Lewis, Stoney Creek, John Hill, Esq. of Hillsboro, C. W., married Ursula, widow of Lt. C. G. Brabazon.)

In the (Thursday)October 26th, 1871 issue of the "Welland Telegraph", the death of J. W. HOPKINS Esq., magistrate of Stoney Creek, was repeated, having been copied from the Hamilton Spectator, the previous Saturday. Mr. Hopkins was a leading influence in the township of Saltfleet, and was the brother-in-law of Mr. Joseph Garner, Warden of this County (Welland?) and Mr. E. R. Hellem's of this town (Welland). (from The Ontario Register, Vol. 3, 1970)

(According to "Saltfleet Then & Now", John W. Hopkins was a councillor for Ward 4, Saltfleet, in the years 1860 and 1861.

### MARRIAGES FROM THE ONTARIO REGISTER, VOLUME 5, 1981

On January 23rd, 1850, Andrew Olmstead, of Saltfleet and Mary Ann Burkholder, of Barton were married by Rev. Henry Wilkinson.

(The Christian Guardian, 20 Feb. 1850)

On March 9, 1850, William Cook and Dorothy Lee of Saltfleet were married by Rev. H. Biggar.

(The Christian Guardian, 27 March, 1850)

On March 11, 1850, Gershom M. Carpenter and Martha, daughter of the late Joseph Petit, of Saltfleet were married by Rev. H. Biggar.

(The Christian Guardian, 27 March, 1850)

On September 22, 1850, at the residence of the bride's father, James Thomas and Abigail Toul's, both of Saltfleet, were married by Rev. A. T. Green.

(The Christian Guardian, 30 October, 1850)

**Stoney Creek Historical Society**

**1998**

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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

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION \ RENEWAL \ DONATIONS**

(Please print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.: \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>Membership</u>	
Family .....	\$15.00
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<u>Donation to funds</u>	
General Fund.....	\$ _____
Museum Fund.....	\$ _____
Publication Fund.....	\$ _____
<i><u>A tax receipt will be issued</u></i>	

( Please check ) \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ New:

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

## EDITORS NOTE!

We are pleased to welcome Westfield Village as a contributor to our newsletter. Their column will keep us informed of the many events occurring at the Village.

### WESTFIELD VILLAGE:

#### **Christmas in the Country Returns to Westfield, the Village Where Time Stands Still.**

Celebrate the holiday season by taking the whole family on a fascinating trip through more than a century of our history in Southern Ontario. Experience an historical village of over 30 historical buildings and 120 hectares of picturesque forest trails as you enter the Christmas seasons of the Georgian, Regency, Victorian, Edwardian and First World War eras. Explore the evolution of Yuletide traditions and re-discover long-forgotten customs that came to Canada from around the world. Drop in on the blacksmith shop, school house, Inn or spinning and weaving shop. Hop on a horse and wagon ride or enjoy entertainment in the church. Westfield also offers a restaurant, gift shop and free parking.

Your Christmas experience awaits you Saturday, December 5th, 12th and 19th, noon until 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 6th, 12th and 13th, noon until 4:00 p.m. Admission is only \$5.50 for adults, \$4.50 for Seniors, \$2.50 for Children 6 to 12 years of age, and children under 5 years of age are free of charge.

Westfield is located on Regional Road 552, off Highway 8 near Rockton.

Call (519) 621-8851 or look us up on the Internet at <http://worldchat.com/public/westfield/westf1.htm>

#### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY QUERY POLICY:**

Members may submit 2 free genealogical queries per year. Queries should be typed or printed clearly on separate pages 8 1/2" x 11", 50 word limit.

Non Members must remit a fee of \$3.00 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.

#### **1926**

*The roadway between Stoney Creek and Tapleystown is to be widened about six feet.*

### **OPEN HOUSE FOR MEMBERS DECEMBER 11 1998 8.00P.M.**

There will be no regular meeting in December. Instead members are invited to attend a Christmas Open House at the home of George and Mary Lewis. 265 Lewis Rd. Members will be contacted in November with further details.

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#### **Hamilton Spectator, April 26, 1881**

The license commissioners for the license district of South Wentworth met at the Dominion hotel, last Saturday the 23d.. The following applications for licenses were granted in Saltfleet—Fred. Hull, W. A. Wodehouse, Hood & Brother, Mrs. Fairchild, David H. Fitch, and Thos. H. Stirling.

ardsburg, London, Komoka, Mt. Brydges, Ekfrid,  
*Submitted by Dorothy Reid*

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**SATURDAY, SEPT. 26  
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Anne Forsyth Accounting	Anne Forsyth	9 Lake Ave. South	662-2848
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Erland Lee Museum Home	Michael Gemmell	552 Ridge Road	662-2691
Queenston Stationery	Martin Battell	38 King St.E.	664-3360
Rotary Club of Stoney Creek		P.O Box 66655	664-4505

Two boys were talking about some of the things that their family members did in their leisure hours. One boy commented "your grandma sure seems to read the bible a lot". "Oh yeah" the other replied, "she's studying for her finals."

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**PROPERTY PRESERVATION PLAQUE 1999:**

Nominations will be accepted from members and the general public for the 1999 Property Preservation Award up to and including December 31 1998. The Plaque will be presented for the winning entry at the Heritage Day Celebration February 14th. at Stoney Creek City Hall. Applications are available from the Executive, Comic1 Books, Elm\King Plaza, Queenston Stationery, King St. and Mountain Ave. and the Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce, Mountain Ave. South.

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**Next newsletter will be issued Wed., February 3 1999**

**Material deadline is Wednesday, January 15 1999**

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