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# Stoney Creek Historical Society

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## THE REVEREND WILLIAM CASE 1780 - 1855

*by John Hencher*

Through the activities at Battlefield House most of us are familiar with the story of the Gage family but that story could not be complete with out mention of their relationship with the Methodist Church and their affection for the Itinerant Ministers who served it. The best known of these Itinerants was Reverend William Case who came to this area in 1808.

William Case was born at Swansea on the Massachusetts seaboard, received his early education there and at one time taught school. In his youth he worked with his parents on a farm near Chatham, N. Y. It was here that he learned about privation, the importance of hard work and the art of survival in the wilderness. William was converted at the age of twenty-three at a revival meeting and was soon recommended as an Itinerant on Trial and, in 1805, was appointed to his first circuit, Bay of Quinte. Thus beginning fifty years of service in the Methodist Episcopal Church. William Case was a popular minister and laid the foundation for many congregations which are still in existence. At an early point in his career Case was appointed Secretary of Conference, a position he held for several years. He was also a regular contributor to the Christian Guardian but he is best known for his work among the Indians which, later, earned him the name "Father of Indian Schools"

In the meantime though, Case served the localities of Ancaster, Barton, Beverley, Flamboro, Nelson, Trafalgar, Stoney Creek, Dundas and as far west as there was any settlement. There were almost no roads. The trip from Ancaster to York was along the lake shore with a ferry at the Credit River, a two day journey on horseback. In other areas there were vast swamps which were almost impassable except in the winter. After a rain the streams running through these swamps became torrents. The traveler would strip, pile his belongings on his horse's back and send the horse across the river while he searched up and down the river in search of a safe place where he could cross. A traveler on foot would load his clothes and

bags on a raft and push it ahead of him as he swam the river.

Having completed the required two years of probation Mr Case was accepted into the Conference and became a Missionary which meant that he was assigned to an undeveloped area where he was expected to develop his own Circuit by riding twenty miles per day, visiting, performing marriages, baptizing children, conducting Memorial Services, finding leaders for any classes which were formed and at all times preach eternal torment for any who broke a very strict code of behavior.

Mr. Case proved his organizing ability and eventually was appointed Elder. In this capacity Elder Case became responsible for about half of what was known then as Upper Canada. He was now in his thirties and in his prime. The Rev. Dr. G. Peck writing about Case says the he remembers Elder Case's "commanding appearance and picturesque costume as he rode about his District, well mounted, his fine person clad in a suit of parson grey, the coat being carefully rounded in front while his breeches and stockings set off the fair proportions of his nether limbs to advantage." Among Elder Case's responsibilities were attending Quarterly Meetings, and conducting the Annual Conference, making appointments to Circuits and overseeing the preparation for the Annual Meeting.

In 1815 Elder Case who had been called home during the war of 1812-14, was returned to Canada as Presiding Elder over the Western District of Upper Canada. In performing his duties in this office Mr. Case had frequently to cross the Credit and Grand Rivers and in doing so came into contact with Indians. He was greatly disturbed by the condition of these people and vowed that, when the occasion arose he would try to do something about it.

Case might be said to be a man with a double career. While he performed all of the duties required by his various

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**DAVID MEADOWS, TOWN CRIER FOR STONEY CREEK:**

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### NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome to our membership Cheryl Gemmell, Terry & Jackie New, Agnes Shearer,

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

History requires little retreat into the past.

June 2000 is the history I would like to review at this time.

Prior to Battle week-end, a students day took place, (History in Action Day). I believe there were 400 students who visited the park Friday June 2, to witness the past through a visit to various stations, learning how to make candles, writing with a quill pen, spinning and dying yarn, weaving, witnessing a display and explanation of the different animal skins trapped by the natives, to participate in a military drill with wooden weapons, attending a weapons demonstration and of course a visit to the monument is a must. I know the children benefit from the hard work by Battlefield Park staff and the dedication of volunteers to make this a very successful day.

Saturday the re-enactors put on demonstrations, as well there were the camp followers with their tents and wares to sell. The Historical Society Town Criers competition had three contestants, this was a good competition with a very capable winner.

The battle re-enactment followed by a long fireworks display ending the evening with the usual ooohs and aaahs. Sunday another spectacular day saw the re-dedication of Smith's Knoll Cemetery. The flawless participation by the honour guard from both Canada and the United States was something to remember. An event well planned and executed.

Flagday streetfest was well attended with the Saturday evening parade moving along nicely, as I observed from the rumble seat of a model A. Best of all, none of these events were marred, NO RAIN. A special thank you to the book seller volunteers for both of these weekends.

The Historical Society pot-luck picnic had 33 members attend, a great dinner, great social time, enjoyed by everyone. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you.

This is the last newsletter of 2000 so allow me to wish the readers an early very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Ron Place*

## ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

*by Michael Gemmell*

The Erland Lee Museum's millennium programming culminated with the unveiling of our new permanent exhibition area, "**From Saltfleet to Stoney Creek: Two Centuries of Local History**". This community project, partially funded by federal Millennium Bureau, chronicles the development of Saltfleet Township to City of Stoney Creek from 1780 to the present. It is designed to teach young and old about the roots of their community, with maps, pictures and a timeline of Stoney Creek's past. A number of artifacts from Stoney Creek's families are on display. Part of this display can be seen in January 2001 at Eastgate Square, but to see it all you will have to visit the museum.

From October 1-31, 2000, the Erland Lee Museum will be featuring our **8th Annual Local Artist Show and Sale**. Works of art from local artists will be on display and for sale at the Lee in all mediums. These artistic selections make a great unique Christmas gift.

The Erland Lee Museum's "**Heritage Christmas in Lights**" runs from November 21 to December 10, 2000. See a Victorian Christmas by day and modern Christmas by night, as the museum will be decorated inside the 1808 heritage home for a candlelight Christmas, while the carriage house exhibition gallery will feature modern floral arrangements and take-home crafts for youngsters. At night the grounds will be illuminated with Christmas lights. The museum will have 3 special Tuesday evening openings during the event; November 21, 28, and Dec. 5, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Estimated viewing time required: 30-45 minutes.

On December 9, 2000 (3:00-9:00 pm) the Erland Lee Museum will also be part of the **Stoney Creek Historical Society's 2000 Christmas House Tour**. Flower arrangements at the Erland Lee are courtesy of Stoney Creek/ Smith-Mckay Florists. Many are available for sale on December 9 and 10. The Lee will also be featuring several Christmas crafters for the duration of the event.

### Looking ahead to 2001...

For the first time in over a decade, the Erland Lee Museum will be open during the winter, starting in January 2001. The museum will be running under limited opening hours (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and by appointment) during the winter months. Although groups have been encouraged to visit the Lee during the winter for the past couple of years, this marks the first time that the Lee will be taking walk-up visitors during the months of January through March. Interested groups should note that winter parking will be limited, so it is still better to book ahead if possible. Education programs (schools, Scouts, Guides, etc.) are offered throughout the fall and winter, including evening bookings. Please contact the museum at 662 2691.

A special thank you goes out to the volunteers who continue to make the Erland Lee Museum's millennium year programming happen. The Erland Lee Committee particularly thanks our local volunteers who have taken an interest in Stoney Creek's social history museum. New volunteers are always welcome.

### YEAR 2001 EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:

The 2001 general meeting will be held Wednesday January 3, 2001 at 7.30 pm. at Stoney Creek City Hall.

The following offices are open for nomination

**President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary.**

Members are invited to submit their names to fill these positions.

The nominating committee will contact members prior to the meeting, or you may call Bill O'Reilly to have your name included.

## WINONA FISHING INDUSTRY 1840 - 1950

*from the publication*  
"Winona Centennial 1867 - 1967"

Among the many impressive early days at Winona dock was the Hand's fishing industry. These hardy fishermen emigrated from Ireland in 1840 and for three generations successfully operated this means of livelihood.

Mr. Patrick (*Paddy*) Hand was the one to settle at Winona while his brother John chose Grimsby.

During this era they used nets and twenty-four foot sailboats. The fish mainly caught were cisco, whitefish and trout and their day's catch of ten amounted to five hundred pounds. While the men carried on the fishing the women were busy making nets and keeping them in repair.

Fish were inclined to change their abode and in 1909 those mentioned above left and herring took their place. These were quite plentiful, and now having acquired more boats, they were able to take hauls amounting to over a ton a day. In 1918 the herring disappeared and went to the ocean being replaced by a cross between cisco and herring. Four years was the space of time that these remained and it has been over forty years since the Dept. of Fisheries put fingerlings (young salmon) in Lake Ontario. It was Abe. Hand a grandson, now residing in Hamilton, who took care of the addition of these.

The elder Patrick (*Paddy*) Hand is buried in Grimsby at St. Joseph's Church on Patton St. The headstone remains intact.

### LIBRARY NEWS:

Additions to our library are

Nelson Family of New York (*includes Saltfleet records*)

Branches of Bruce (*O.G.S letters*)

History of Stoney Creek Schools *by John Pell*  
*donated by Janet Pell*

Agustus Jones 1758 - 1836

Billy Green and the Battle of Stoney Creek.

If Ponies Rode Men.

Stoney Creek Historical Society Newsletters, *back issues*

*Added to the following*

The Codling Family,

Ancestors of Blanche and Harold Cox.

A Short History of John Millen

The Smith Family of Glanford Township 1685-1987

Twedle- Tweddle- Tweedle- Tweeddale (*Many Families*)

Saltfleet Inns

The History of Albion Mills

The Reverend William Case

Members are encouraged to use the library and to consider donating a copy of their own completed work.

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

Steel Market Place

(Rear of) 1247 Highway 8, Winona

Monday to Friday 8.30am. to 4.30pm.

## HISTORY OF THE TAPLEYTOWN CEMETERY.

MUD STREET. SALT FLEET TWP. ONT.

This cemetery was first known as the Tapleytown Burying Ground, but is now called The Tapleytown United Church Cemetery, and is located on lot 17 in the 6th concession or Saltfleet township, Wentworth County Ont.

The earliest interment as recorded on a monument is:

**In memory of /HOWLAND SOULES/ born Oct. 12 1777 /  
died Feb. 28, 1817**

Lots 17. 18. 19 in the 6th concession of Saltfleet were obtained from the Crown by Samuel Williams, all 300 acres, date of instrument June 22. 1796. date of registration May 17, 1802. Joseph Jones Williams sold to Nathaniel Tapley all 300 acres for 400 pounds. date of instrument Aug. 2 1834 registration Aug. 3. 1834. some parts were sold and then Samuel Tapley sold 60 acres of lot 17 to John Terribery, instrument date April 8, 1850, registered April 12, 1850.

John Terribery sold 1/20 acre to the Trustees of the Methodist Church, date of instrument Aug. 15, 1850, date of registration Nov. 6. 1850 for 5 shillings.

The Trustees were John Dewitt, John Springsted, John Burkholder, John Clark, John Norton, Levi Neel all of Saltfleet and Anthony Tenyck or Binbrook.

John Terribery sold: 1/2 acre to the Methodist Episcopal Church, instrument date March 9, 1853, registration date Aug. 30, 1853. The Trustees at this time were John Dewitt, John Springstead Frederick S. Janus, Samuel Olmsted and William Cable all of Saltfleet.

Additional property has since been added so that now (1987) the cemetery covers approximately 2 acres.

An early church building on the cemetery grounds was replaced by the present church building in 1879. This church is located a short distance east of the cemetery.

The Reverend E.L. Clement was the minister in charge when the present church was built. Until Church Union was formed in 1925 the Reverends Duff, Davis, Ward, Balby, Whitworth, Trimble, Cavers, Kestle and Truax served and after Union the Reverends Ward, Crawford, Thompson, Houslander, Sutherland, Jackson, Winchel, Cronheim, E. Culley with Robert Wade as assistant.

*from the O.G.S. transcribing July 26 1986*

### EDITORS NOTE:

Beginning with this issue, a series of articles will be presented on Winona. This material is reprinted from the Winona Men's Club publication "WINONA CENTENNIAL 1867 - 1967".

## THE REVEREND WILLIAM CASE 1780-1855

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offices he never forgot his first impressions of the Indians he had seen along the Grand and Credit Rivers. The opportunity to keep his vow presented itself in the form of Alvin Torry who was also interested in the plight of the Indians. Mr. Case, who had the authority to do so, appointed Torry as a Missionary to the Indians. It was known that the Indians were not interested in the white man's religion so the strategy was this. A school and a church were built to accommodate the children of white settlers so that they might learn to read, write and memorize parts of the New Testament. The strategy worked and there were soon Indian children attending school. The interest of the Chiefs was aroused as they began to see the advantages of an education. Thus commenced the work which was to be the focus of the remainder of the life of President of the Conference and Superintendent of Indian Missions.

Boarding schools and churches were constructed at Rice Lake and Grape Island and Indian children, chiefly girls, were invited to attend. Now teachers were required. In the spring of 1828 Elder Case visited the United States to raise money for the schools and to recruit a man and two lady teachers. Persons enlisted were Miss Hubbard and Miss Barnes. Within a year of their arrival at the school Miss Hubbard became Mrs. Case to be followed after her death by Miss Barnes in the same relationship.

In July of 1839 Mr. Case was working with heart and soul and with great compassion among the children. When writing to a friend he described how the little girls reacted to being so far from their homes. "— so we sit down to tell you that they are all well at present, and mostly are contented and happy; though most of them have their feelings of Kiskaindum - Clarissa the most so; Charlotte and Julie the least so. When Clarissa wept, it would catch upon the feelings of others. Biting Finger, Mary Jane and Elizabeth would strike in and make quite a tune.

And so it went with Mr. Case, raising money, preaching, attending Conferences and fathering his foster children hoping that his work would reap a benefit for the future as we may assume that it surely did. Mr. Case's influence was also to spread to Western Canada as well. The names of Rundle, Woolsey, McDougall and Stienhour are well known across the prairies and mountains of Alberta and Saskatchewan. These men had all worked with Mr. Case before they took their Missions to the West.

In 1855, though in his seventy-fifth year, Mr. Case was still an active man who could harness his team or saddle the horse which he rode on short journeys. Early in October of 1855, Mr. Case mounted his pony, reached down to adjust a stirrup, lost his balance and fell, breaking his hip. The fracture was reduced but the patient developed "hectic" fever. A week later the beloved "Father" Case was gone. He had fought the good fight. He had finished the course. He had kept the faith.

### *Editors Note:*

*John Hencher is a long time member of the Stoney Creek Historical Society, a past president of the Friends of Battlefield House as well as a volunteer, who portrayed the Reverend William Case at Battlefield House Museum for several years.*

## LOYALISTS AND PIONEERS:

### CORNWALL

Before the War of 1812 several members of the Cornwall family settled in this district - LEWIS CORNWALL of Clinton township, THOMAS of Gainsborough township, AARON and JOHN of Saltfleet township, ROBERT and WILLIAM and probably two sisters - BETHANY and MARY.

Robert, William, and Thomas served with the 4th. Lincoln Regiment in the War of 1812, Aaron Cornwall, with the 5th Lincoln. John Cornwall's name is on an early assessment roll of Saltfleet township. There are no further records of Robert, William or Aaron.

Thomas Cornwall is buried in Lane's burying ground, Gainsborough township. The dates of birth and death on his stone - 1786-1851.

Bethany Cornwall was married by Robert Nelles J.P., 2 December, 1804, to David Bertrand of Clinton. 1807.

Mary Cornwall was married to Stephen Hodgeman, 11 October, 1807.

Lewis Cornwall and his wife, Mary, lived and died in Clinton. They were buried in the Baptist churchyard, at Beamsville Lewis Cornwall, 1783-1869. Mary Cornwall, 1793-1871. Children: -IRA, born 1804, m. Elizabeth Bell, died 1883, buried in St. Andrew's churchyard, Grimsby.

JOHN, married Ann Morgan, 16 Sept. 1839. They lived on Lot 16, Conc. IV, Clinton.

JANE, married William Johnson of Beamsville, 24 January 1840.

ELIZABETH, married William Pool, of Grimsby, 13 Sept. 1843.

MARY, married William Kew, of Beamsville, 22 November, 1843.

ANN, born 1826, died 1859, buried beside Lewis and Mary Cornwall in Baptist churchyard, Beamsville.

*Taken from the Annals of the Forty book #4 pages 35 & 36.*

### FUTURE SPEAKERS

- Nov. 1, Cathy Moulder - LLOYD Reeds Map Collection  
No Meeting at City Hall - December 2000  
Dec. 9, 9th Annual Christmas House Tour  
Jan. 3, 2001 Bob King - Wooden Spoon Maker.  
Feb. 7, 2001 Owen Neville - Black History.

**DAVID MEADOWS,**  
**TOWN CRIER FOR STONEY CREEK:**

It is official, Stoney Creek now has a Town Crier.

A contest to choose a Crier was held June 3, at 2.00 pm. during Battle week-end in front of the historic Nash/Jackson house. Three competitors tried their luck reading a cry prepared by the Town Crier from West Lincoln Jim Green, who assisted us with this competition.

The candidates were **Bruce Ed, Doug Loveland and David Meadows**. All very enthusiastic competitors with their work cutout for them trying to make it a difficult task for the four judges.

The judges were

**Sheila Alton**, from the Drury Lane Theatre Group.

**Mary Lewis**, past President of the Stoney Creek Historical Society and current President of the Friends of Battlefield Park.

**Phil Bruckler**, General Manager of the Community Resources for the City of Stoney Creek.

**Mark Cripps**, Senior Editor for the Stoney Creek News,

The winner, by a close margin was David Meadows, a teacher who will don the uniform of Town Crier and represent Stoney Creek.

We thank all the people involved in this venture. This event added a new twist to the year 2000 Battle Week-End.

David will be available for your special needs, parties, weddings, business promotions, you name it. David may be reached by contacting Ron Place at 662-8856.

The cost of the Town Crier's uniform will be paid by

*The Stoney Creek Historical Society.*

*Friends of Battlefield Park.*

*Community Resources for the City of Stoney Creek.*

**DESIGNATED HOMES in STONEY CREEK:**

**Ingledale House**

**1471 -1489 Baseline Road**

**Historical Background**

The property upon which "Ingledale" now stands was originally owned by John Green, who with his wife Mary Davis, emigrated to Upper Canada (Ontario) in 1787 as United Empire Loyalists. First settling at Forty Mile Creek, now Grimsby, they hosted Governor John Graves Simcoe and Lady Simcoe in their home about 1795. In 1813 Mr. Green registered the purchase of Broken Front Concession, Lot 1, Saltfleet Township and in 1815 sold the property to John Inglehart.

John Inglehart had arrived in Upper Canada about 1798 with his wife Magdalene and other Pennsylvania German settlers. By 1808 he was living on Broken Front Concession, Lot 1, which he later purchased from John Green. Sometime between 1815 and the early 1820's, Mr. Inglehart constructed the original building which is now the kitchen of "Ingledale".

After John Inglehart's death in 1835, his son built the south addition to the original home, creating the house now known as "Ingledale". Close to half of the first building was removed in the process, retaining what was left as a kitchen.

With the death of Jacob Inglehart in 1853, the property was passed to his son Hiram Frew Inglehart. In 1870, Hiram Inglehart sold "Ingledale" to Henry Magill, thus ending the Inglehart association with the property.

In 1890 Jonathan Carpenter purchased the property from Mr. Magill and took down the east wing of the house. Changes were also made to the farm buildings to accommodate the raising of Jersey cows and standard-bred horses, both of which ended about 1906 when the stables were sold off.

"Ingledale" continued in the Carpenter family until 1971 when, through a funding arrangement with the Province of Ontario, the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority acquired the property. Today "Ingledale" stands as part of the Fifty Point Conservation Area.

**Architectural Qualities**

Only part of the original home constructed by John Inglehart sometime between 1815 and 1820 remains.

The north end of the two storey house has 2 symmetrical, 616 double hung windows on the second floor. The third window with 9/6 panes is centred below the chimney on the first floor. Extending west is a two metre addition with a trellised porch. The south addition presents a pleasingly harmonious vernacular Neo-Classic exterior, with many of the details associated with the style, including a rectangular facade with low-pitched roof whose gable ends have short returning cornices, a small scale repeat pattern such as detail moulding in the roof cornice and symmetrical fenestration.

The front facade is rather unusual with windows flanking the centre door rather than the more common sidelights. The windows are 12/12 and match the other two windows on the front facade. Simple unadorned pilasters flank both the door and the windows on either side and a panelled transom can be seen above the door. This central arrangement of door and windows on the first floor is repeated above with a finely moulded cornice extending across and uniting the upper doors and windows. Louvered shutters adorn the window, and the corners of the clapboard are treated with vertical contrasting trim which matches the shutters, the roof cornice and the window trim.

"Ingledale" eloquently demonstrates fine Loyalist architecture characteristic of the first half of the 19th century. It embodies both Georgian concepts of beauty and propriety and Neo-Classic treatment of architectural details. It consists of the original home built between 1815 and 1820 and the Neo-Classic south addition which was added in the 1840's.

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

On January 3, 1900 a Stoney Creek banquet was held for the employees of E. D. Smith at the Exchange Hotel. Nelligan's orchestra rendered a "capital programme" and songs were given by A. E. Kimmins, J. Hiscott and J. B. Nelligan.

## HISTORY OF VINEMOUNT

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submitted by Barbara Oldfield

### Business

Although Vinemount was mostly farms there were a few business in the area most of which were connected to farms. At one time there were three blacksmith shops. Two of these were on Ridge Rd. The first was at Vinemount Rd. (8<sup>th</sup> Rd.) and the other was between Quarry and Fifty Rd. (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Rd.). The third shop was at Mud St. and Fifty Rd.

Vinemount had 2 quarries although they were closer to the Tweedside. The first was on the north east corner of Quarry Rd. (10<sup>th</sup> Rd.) and Green mountain Rd. It was started in 1910 and was sold a few years later to Canada Crush Stone Co. In 1929 there was a fire on the site that made working the quarry impossible so it was abandoned. The property had been misused most of the time since the fire, dirt from road and ditch construction, and now, in 1998 authorities have found items illegally dumped on the property. At the time of Saltfleet Township becoming Stoney Creek, the property owned by the municipality was given the name 89 Acre Park (the property has 89 acres). This park has never been developed but in the area of the dumping there had been bicycle motor cross races organized for a few years and on the portion not part of the quarry, between the T. H. & B. tracks hunting dogs have been trained and model airplanes flown for decades. In the quarry it self, wildlife has thrived for, there is talk about making it into a wildlife park.

The second quarry is on the other side of 10<sup>th</sup> Rd. started in 1947 by Quigley Construction, in 1951 it was sold to Armstrong Brothers. There have been many owners since that time and closed from time to time. Because of the depth of the quarry water had to be pumped from it or it would overflow. At one time when the quarry was full, a hole was found in the fence around it, groceries were found floating on the water. Divers were brought in and determined that a car was dumped, no death occurred. The car was left at the bottom because it would be too difficult to bring it up. The next year it was decided to work the quarry again, when drained, two cars were at the bottom. Thankfully both cars had been dumped either for insurance money or for thrills. Over the years draining water from the quarry become a problem. The water had a high sulphur content and the water was being pumped into the Forty Creek, which runs to the lake at Grimsby. Some people were having trouble with crops down stream and blamed this on the water from the quarry. A second quarry hole was started and from that time on if they were working on one site, water would be pumped to the other and aired before it was released to the creek. This created the problem of having kids coming to the quarry on hot days to go swimming, they parked on both sides of a road that has very narrow shoulders. The City put up no parking signs but they still come. On a hot day at about one or two in the afternoon and you are travelling on 10<sup>th</sup> Rd. between Ridge and Green Mountain Rd. You can see your tax money at work, one or two

police officers will be ticketing a dozen cars belonging to the kids getting a free swim. The present owners, Watford Crush Stone Co. is expanding the operation to the north and in order to do that they are changing the course of the creek.

Another business that called Vinemount home was owned by Mr. Maycock. A parcel of 90 acres of land, which was owned by Mr. S. Smith on the south west corner of Vinemount Rd. (8<sup>th</sup>) and Ridge Rd. was purchase by Mr Maycock and in 1914 he had delivered to Vinemount train station three cars of apple trees which he planted there. He built a packing house on that property which was close to the train station giving it easy access to transportation west. He had about four or five full time employees with others hired during harvest. In 1942 Lady Bailey from Toronto received the farm, hired a manager to run it but on her death the farm was divided up and by 1973 the last of the orchards were removed. In 1987 Mr. Vincic, who also has a fruit farm on Barton Street across from the old Winona High School purchased the north east section on the farm and has planted dwarf fruit trees on it, including apples.

### Vinemount 4H Club

Vinemount has had a 4H club since 1968 and it has been support financially by the Vinemount W. I. during that time. At first meetings were held in the hall at Rock Chapel Church, which is on Ridge Rd., east of the Lincoln County line, the first leader was Myra Oldfield. Because of the Institutes sponsoring, it was called the Vinemount 4H club. Later meetings were held at the home of members and then held at the home of Joan McLean who was the leader for most of it's history. Last year she gave up the leadership and her assistant Brenda Goffery became leader. When the club was started, cooking, sewing and in the summer, gardening was taught. Now in addition the children (at first it was just girls but now girls and boys) learn about local history, woodworking, local government, running an organization and more. The members also have to perform a community service and in 1996 the members project was maintaining the grounds at the Erland Lee Museum.

### Other Organizations

The following are some of the organizations which at one time were in Vinemount but that there was very little information about them to be found.

**VINEMOUNT LITERARY SOCIETY-** It was started in 1907 and ended in 1920. They meet in members homes and at the Vinemount Creamery. From time to time they would hold debates with the Pine Crest Literary Society.

**CHORAL SOCIETY-** This group was active from 1920 to 1930, at its height it had 100 members.

**SALT FLEET PLOUGHING SOCIETY-** This was an organization that arranged competitions between teams from all over Saltfleet Township including a team from Vinemount. They would hold ploughing matches, on a rotating basis, in the home area of each team. There is no date as to when it was started or when it ended but there are accounts of the competitions in the local papers during the 1920's and 1930's.

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## FROM THE PAST:

*Wentworth Historical Society Minutes  
1908 -1948*

**MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1913**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, STONEY CREEK**

A Special Public meeting was called to meet in the Council Chamber, Stoney Creek, under the auspices of the Saltfleet Historical Society, to make necessary arrangements for the celebration of the Peace Centennial to be held at the Battlefield, Stoney Creek next June. W.G.Davis, Sec. Minutes confirmed April 16.

A large number of citizens were present, W.E.Corman, President of the Saltfleet Historical Society, presided and opened the meeting by calling upon those present to assist this Society in helping to make the celebration to be held in June a worthy occasion. He then called upon many of those present to express their views on the matter and all were in favour of organizing a Citizens Association out of which a representative committee should be formed to arrange a meeting with committees from all other Societies interested in the Peace Centennial.

It was therefor moved by - { } *Note!*

seconded by - { } *(no names recorded)*

That this meeting be organized as the Citizens Assoc. of Saltfleet to comprise of members living in the Township. **CARRIED.**

**Meetings** - It was decided to meet on the first Monday evening of each month at 8.30.

**President** - Moved by Erland Lee, seconded by Dr. Thompson, that the Reeve, G.E.Millen, be President. **CARRIED.**

**Vice President** - Moved by Rev.W.G.Davis, seconded by Erland Lee, that W.E.Corman be Vice President. **CARRIED.**

**Sec. Treas.** - Moved by J.C.Chittick, seconded by Dr. Thompson, that Rev.W.G.Davis be Sec. Treas. **CARRIED.**

**Committee** to arrange with Coms. of other Societies for a joint celebration at Peace Centennial (*Note: the words Peace Centennial, above, have been crossed out in pencil and the words "Stoney Creek Victory Centennial" have been pencilled in.*)

Reeve and Pres. G.E.Millen - Stoney Creek, Mr.Evans - Stoney Creek, Mr. Erland Lee - Stoney Creek Rev.Mr. Daniels - Stoney Creek, J.C.Chittick, E.D.Smith- Winona, Rev.W.G.Davis - Sec.

**Annual Fee** - Membership Fee 25 cents. Moved by Mrs.Beaumont, seconded by Chas.Moore, that Membership Fee be 25 cents a year. Following members enrolled at this meeting - Reeve G.E.Millen, Mr.Huffman, Rev.W.G.Davis, Erland Lee, Dr.Thompson, W.E.Corman, W.St.John, J.C.Chittick, Rev.Mr.Daniels, Oliver Nash, Mr.Evans, Mr.Marshall, J.H.Jones, Chas.Moore, Arthur Beare, Mr.Zimmerman, J.W.Beaumont, Wm.Beare, Mr.Glendenning, Alex MacKenzie, Mr.White, Sept.Corman.

Confirmed April 21st. 1913, Geo.W.Millen.

## HISTORY OF VINEMOUNT

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**VINEMOUNT PLAYERS (ALSO KNOWN AS THE VINEMOUNT DRAMA GUILD)**- They were active during the twenties and thirties and forties. They would perform in the old Vinemount Creamery and later when it was the Vinemount Hall. One play they put on, called "*Calm Yourself*" was performed all over the Niagara Peninsula. **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**- It started in the spring of 1932 under the direction of the Vinemount School Home & School Association. They promoted an interest for the young people. It was still active in 1938 but there is no record of when it actually disbanded.

**VINEMOUNT SCHOOL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**- The first meeting was held on Feb.23 1932. The last record of this association was for the year of 1937 to 1938.

**VINEMOUNT GUN CLUB**- There is no information as to when they organized or disbanded but there was an article in the Hamilton Spec. dated Jan. 29, 1938 which told of their annual meeting at the Vinemount Hall. It also tells of "plans under consideration for a permanent range within the confines of the woods in the mountain."

*Compiled originally on Sept. 9, 1992 by Barbara A. Oldfield from the Vinemount W.I. Tweedsmire History (a scrap book kept by all branches on branch and local history) Updated on Mar. 9, 1999 with additional information from recollections of local people including a descendent of Judge Taylor who gave an account of the history of St. George Church.*

### THE NAME WINONA:

*(previously Ontario)*

Editors in New York asked English language professors and teachers what word in English was the most beautiful. They said Winona, in the Indian tongue meant soft. So we should say it softly WI NO NA.

When the act of confederation was passed, and the Province of Upper Canada changed its name to Ontario, the number of imperfectly directed letters which found their way to this post office became a nuisance, and drew the attention of the Post Office Department. It was found advisable to change the name of the office and station to "Winona", after Winonah" an Indian maid, the daughter of Tecumseh.

### **CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR 2000:**

Mark your calendars for the Stoney Creek Historical Societies 9th Christmas House Tour.

To be held **Saturday December 9** times **3 to 9 pm.** tour includes 2 museums and 4 homes.

**Ticket price \$10.00 each or 2 for \$18.00.**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS  
BUSINESS/INSTITUTION DIRECTORY:**

Anne Forsyth Accounting	Anne Forsyth	9 Lake Ave. South	662-2848
Britannia Cleaners	Ed Strecker	17 King St. E.	662-4971
Comic1 Books	Tom Laing	Elm/King Plaza	664-3777
Erland Lee Museum Home	Michael Gemmell	552 Ridge Road	662-2691
H/W Archaeological Fdn.	Rita Griffin-Short	Hamilton	524-1384
Doug Mays Watercolourist	Doug & Angela Mays	3 MacDui Dr.	643-4541
Picture Palace	Joanne Wynhofen	19 King St. E.	662-4014
Queenston Stationery	Martin Battell	38 King St.E.	664-3360
Rotary Club of Stoney Creek		P.O Box 66655	573-3584
Royal Canadian Legion	Branch 622	12 King St. E.	662-4171
Spera House Antiques	Lyn & Brent Jukes	228 Ridge Road	662-9339
The Snackery	Carol Dushko	Elm/King Plaza	664-2288
Winona Garden Shoppe	Georgina & Jeff Beattie	1381 Highway 8	643-2161

***PLEASE MENTION THIS DIRECTORY WHEN YOU SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS!***

**NEED A RIDE TO THE MEETING?**

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

**SPONSOR A NEWSLETTER:**

Would you like to sponsor an edition of the newsletter? A \$30.00 donation helps with the expense of printing and mailing the Stoney Creek Historical Society Newsletter. A tax receipt will be issued. Please contact Ron Place 662-8856

Historical Society website [www.city.stoney-creek.on.ca/events/histori.htm](http://www.city.stoney-creek.on.ca/events/histori.htm)

**Next newsletter will be issued Wed. Feb. 7, 2001**

Material deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2001

**Stories, News or Queries can be mailed to**

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# REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

*by Marnie Hutchinson*

Where did the summer go? In fact, where was the summer? The cooler and wetter summer season didn't seem to affect visitors coming to the Museum, however. Our summer staff was busier than ever and should be commended for their hard work. They were able to put on three weeks of the Battlefield House Experience Camp, including a very successful new initiative, our Drama from the Past Camp. Other projects included the development of an educational outreach programme, bus tour packages, seniors outreach, a new volunteer manual, the recruitment of junior volunteers and research into the Nash-Jackson family. A busy summer for all!

Onward now to a busy autumn season. Fall-time at Battlefield House begins with our Apple Festival, on Sunday, September 24. After a hiatus last year, the ever-popular Haunted Spirit Walk is back. This fun and frightening event for the whole family takes place on Saturday, October 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Spirit guides take groups on a tour of the site, featuring fantastic folklore, ghostly visions and a haunting good time.

We are very pleased to be offering a special workshop on learning the Fine Art of Millinery on October 28 and 29. Susan McLean, owner of Mrs. McLean's Mercantile and

volunteer at our Battle Re-enactment, will teach the basics of millinery, and participants will come away from the weekend with their own wonderful handmade hat. The cost includes all materials and a full high tea and tea tasting. For more information, please contact the Museum.

Christmas is just around the corner and the Museum is offering several holiday events. The Museum will be open on Saturdays, from November 25 to December 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Come and visit and see the Gage House in all its festive finery and have a look at our special exhibit on our favourite toys. We will be featuring a display of the childhood toys and associated memories and stories of members of the Stoney Creek community. If you have an item that you could lend, please contact us at 662-8458.

We are also pleased to be once again participating in the Stoney Creek Historical Society's Christmas House Tours, on Saturday, December 9. What a wonderful opportunity to showcase the historic homes of our community. On Saturday, December 16, children will enjoy our third annual Breakfast with Father Christmas. A hearty pancake breakfast, a visit with Father Christmas himself and a holiday craft will be sure to delight the little ones.

## Hope to see you this fall at Battlefield House.

### Stoney Creek Historical Society Year 2000 Executive

President:	Ron Place	662-8856
Past President:	Mary Lewis	643-3665
1st. Vice President:	Bill O'Reilly	662-2248
2nd. Vice President:	Bill Mitchell	664-4576
Treasurer:	Milt Henderson	662-1035
Recording Secretary:	Michael Gemmell	662-8876
Corresponding Secretary:	Anna Orr	643-7653
Newsletter:	Ron Place	662-8856

### VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT STONEY CREEK CITY HALL,  
SALTFLEET ROOM

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

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION \ RENEWAL \ DONATIONS

(Please print)

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<u>Membership</u>	
Family .....	\$15.00
Single .....	\$ 12.00
Student/Senior.....	\$ 7.00
Business/Institution.....	\$ 20.00

<u>Donation to funds</u>	
General Fund.....	\$ _____
Museum Fund.....	\$ _____
Publication Fund.....	\$ _____
<b><u>Tax receipts will be issued</u></b>	

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

**PROPOSED CHANGES**

**TO THE CONSTITUTION of the STONEY CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

The following proposal will be submitted to the membership Wednesday January 3rd, 2001 to be voted on. This change is necessary due to the forthcoming amalgamation with the City of Hamilton, to ensure our assets remain within the former City of Stoney Creek.

*[iv] Should the dissolution of The Stoney Creek Historical Society occur, all of its debts and liabilities will be paid, and any remaining cash assets given to historical sites that operate as charitable organizations that carry out their work solely within the former City of Stoney Creek. Preference will be given to local sites being Battlefield House Museum and the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, the organizations that are to receive our collection of artifacts and archives.*

**HUNTING FOREBEARS:**

Seneca Underhill and Margaret Layfield (LaField), married 28 November 1833 at St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby, Ontario. Both were listed as being from Saltfleet when they married. Seneca Underhill died before 1838 and was married a second time to James Hoit of Stoney Creek. Their only known child was Mary Jane Underhill, who married William McCormick Chambers in Onondago, Brantford, Ontario in 1853.

If you are part of this family or have any information, please contact

Carol Chambers Church

2074 Cobb Road Lewiston, Mi USA 49756

**COMMUNITY NEWS: 1926**

**FOR SALE** Homer Pigeons call at Stewarts barber shop.

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:**

A portion of the recent grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation has helped purchase shelving and display material for our library, to store our latest acquisition the Land Registry Books for Saltfleet and Stoney Creek as well as recently donated Family Histories and reference material.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the HAMILTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for their assistance.

William & Juanita Mitchell  
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