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# Stoney Creek Historical Society

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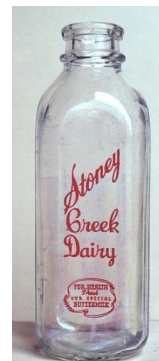
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## REMEMBERING THE STONEY CREEK DAIRY 1929 – 2012



DAIRY IN THE 50'S WITH CARS LINED UP ON KING ST. FOR A SUNDAY TRIP TO THE LEGENDARY DAIRY BAR FOR ICE CREAM

In 1929 **George Dawson** began the Stoney Creek Dairy from a garage at the back of his home on King Street, collecting milk from surrounding farms, bottling it and providing his neighbours with fresh milk from their own community.





DAIRY SEPTEMBER 2011



DAIRY SEPTEMBER 2013

ABOVE 2 PICTURES  
SHOW THE  
DEMOLITION FROM  
PASSMORE ST. & THE  
LAST PICTURE IS  
FROM KING STREET.

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STONEY CREEK  
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## ***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***



Our Stoney Creek Historical Society (SCHS) has now entered the 2013-2014 session.

I hope that the summer has been a good one for you and your families.

As previously shared, effective Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, our meetings will be at 777 #8 Highway, Stoney Creek (former City of Stoney Creek Council Chambers), starting at 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers have been scheduled, and refreshments will follow.

Our meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September, with Dr. Christine Lei, on the History of Women's Art in Hamilton, was most informative. Those present thoroughly enjoyed Dr. Lei's presentation. There were many elements of which I was not aware and it was fascinating to learn of the connectivity between circumstance and the individuals who influenced them. I anticipate that a pattern has indeed been established, and that future speakers will provide similar insights.

Each individual and family has their own history. SCHS endeavours to capture the history of Stoney Creek for current and future generations. You can play a significant role towards that objective. Please consider sharing that history with us.

Again, I thank our members for their continuing support, our volunteers for their unselfish assistance, as well as our Board of Directors for their dedication to SCHS. In the absence of any of these groups, it would not be possible to have a Stoney Creek Historical Society. Of special note, are the volunteers at our Reference Library and Archive, located at 605 #8Hwy, who have persevered in making that facility the success that it is today.

Do join us at our meetings. Come on your own, or bring a friend. Either way, you'll likely make some new ones.

Greg Armstrong

President – SCHS

### **SCHS IS PLANNING A SPRING BOOK SALE**

CLEAR YOUR BOOK SHELVES! EMPTY THE BOXES OF BOOKS STORED IN YOUR ATTIC!  
DONATE THEM TO THE STONEY CREEK HISTORICAL TO HELP WITH OUR EXPENSES.

Books may be hard cover, soft cover, and on any topic from how-to manuals to romance to history and everything in between.

Bring them to any of our future meetings or drop them off at our Archives & Reference Library at 605 Highway 8 any Tuesday or Thursday between 1 & 4 pm

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE HELP!**

## ***STONEY CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

Now have their own web page, check up on our history, pictures and old newsletters etc

[www.stoneycreekhistorical.ca](http://www.stoneycreekhistorical.ca)



## **THE ORIGINAL STONEY CREEK DAIRY ?**

John Wesley Green grandson of Billy Green and grandfather of Barbara & Albert Green

This picture was taken circa 1890 at the Green farm on Ridge road.  
John W Green died in 1924 so this SC dairy has nothing to do with George Dawson's dairy founded in 1929.

### ***STONEY CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

*REFERENCE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE  
NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2013*

The volunteers at the Reference Library and Archive have been very busy, as usual, with inquiries research and cataloguing duties.

Nancy Capstick does all of our research using her own Ancestry.com program.

Judy Green and Sue Heatherley have completed all of the fonds records to insure that pertinent papers have been recorded and stored safely.

We have been fine-tuning the records in our family and business files to make them easier for the public to access.

We have assisted with nine requests for information (three in person and six via email).

We have been fortunate to obtain a family photo collection which we have been scanning and cataloguing.

We provided early land ownership information regarding the property at 521 Green Mountain Road East to Ann Gillespie, Gillespie Heritage Consulting, to assist in the Cultural Heritage Assessment she was doing on that property for the City of Hamilton.

At our last joint (Niagara area) Historical Societies meeting, we learned that McMaster had steel shelving available for free as well microfilm readers. We arranged to pick up the shelving and with the help of Ted Capstick, Nancy Capstick, Doug Green, Judy Green, Greg Armstrong, we were able to pick up and assemble them to completely outfit the extra room across the hall from our offices that we were given by the City of Hamilton to eventually house the Minutes and Bylaws and various papers that they are returning to us. A few days later, these volunteers also picked up a microfilm reader for our use.

The shelving and the reader would have been a huge cost to absorb and we have been very lucky to obtain them.

We have framed several more maps and pictures and have them hanging in the office areas.

Ross Garry as well as Larry Mitchell and Peter Kennedy have been on summer hiatus and we hope they return soon.



Photo is titled **Stoney Creek's Oldest Citizen's** taken at the Community Park when opening 1923  
**Can you help us name these people ?** We have a several names but a few of them are in question.

I have my grandfather in the centre of the back row with a fedora ( Herb Green)

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## ***ERLAND LEE ( Museum ) HOME***

Upcoming Workshops at the Erland Lee

- September 21 – Beginner Tatting 10 am to 2 pm \$20.00
- October 19 – Crocheted wire necklaces 1 pm to 3:30 Cost: TBA
- November 16 – Outdoor Winter Planter 10 am to Noon Cost: TBA
- December 7 – Heritage Christmas Ornament 9:30 to Noon \$20.00

Pre-registration is required due to limited class size. Please contact the Erland Lee ( Museum ) Home at 905-662-2691 or email at [erlandleehome@fwio.on.ca](mailto:erlandleehome@fwio.on.ca)

## *Report from Battlefield House Museum*

The Bicentennial of the Battle of Stoney Creek commemorative year is drawing to a close. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to, participated in and assisted with the commemorative events of the past year. We have been in awe of the fact that two hundred years ago this community was directly affected by an event that would help to shape Canada as a country and we have been humbled by the memory of the men who lost their lives on this soil all those years ago.

Please join us for the Friends of Battlefield House monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the Nash-Jackson House.

### **Tuesday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m.**

This meeting will feature one of the final speakers of our War of 1812 Lecture Series. Re-enactors Brent Horton and Ron Kurelo will present an illustrated talk on the Armaments of the War of 1812.

Tickets are now on sale for the “Battlefield Bicentennial Ball”, taking place on **Saturday, November 2** at Liuna Gardens. This finale of our Bicentennial year will feature a delicious dinner, an 1812-themed fashion show and Regency period dancing. Tickets are only \$45.00 each and are available at Battlefield House Museum’s Gift Shop or by calling 905-662-8458.

## *Memories of the Stoney Creek Fire Girls* by Jean Baine

I discovered a photo recently. It shows 25 school girls in their early teens. The date inscribed is 1941. I knew immediately who they were : **the Stoney Creek Fire Girls**. Every face looked familiar, and yes I'm there in the middle.

When Fire Chief “Pat” Depew organized this group, he took on a big responsibility. Of course, we all knew where the Stoney Creek Fire Hall was – right across the street from S.S. # 3 Saltfleet Public School. Whenever the fire siren would sound, the whole student body would respond in an orderly exit. As we stood outdoors we'd watch the volunteer firemen rushing to their duties and we'd thrill at the sight of the huge red fire truck as it roared onto Lake Avenue and off to a fire !

So, when we girls were invited to join a group that would actually meet in the Fire Hall to learn so much about fire safety and much more, we were eager to accept.

I recall Chief Depew teaching us about the fire truck and all its vital uses. We learned how to respond in an emergency. Chief Depew often used drama to teach us. One situation I remember : we are gathered in a room when one of us cries “I smell smoke!” Immediately we dropped on all fours and carefully crept to the exit. We learned that smoke rises and how to avoid it. I still remember to climb a ladder by grasping the rungs – not the sides. I remember how to carry an injured person using the “fireman's hold” ( continued on next page )

Another important area of instruction was in First Aid. Our teacher was Mrs Nita Roderick who demonstrated many examples of health and its knowledge. I especially remember learning how to put a sling on the injured arm of “my patient”.

The third area of instruction was taking swimming lessons at the Municipal Pool in Hamilton. Adult volunteers provided the transportation for our weekly sessions. The day I ducked my head under water was a big achievement ! Our instructor, Jimmy Thompson, had a firm manner which reminded me of Chief Depew.

When I think back, I realize just how lucky we girls were to receive such important and useful knowledge. It served us well in the years to come.



### STONEY CREEK FIRE GIRLS 1941

- back row* Willa Moore, Ora Boden, Mildred Bagley, Audrey Passmore, Jean McIntosh  
Vera Wannop, Millicent Coates, Ruth Snelling, Norma McIntosh,  
Thelma Cross, Ruby Jacobs
- middle row* Audrey Bell, Marie Manary, Marie Tweedle, Jean ( Twaddle ) Baine  
Joyce Greenwood, Ruth Lee, Florence Trafford, Connie Metcalf
- front row* Beverly Bell, Ruth Boden, Lois Millen, Jean Depew, Margaret Wilson  
Joyce Saxton

## ***STONEY CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

Now hold their meetings on the first Wednesday of the month,  
back at our previous site the former Stoney Creek city hall # 8 highway and Jones road.  
Start time of 7:00 pm

### **Note new time, date and location**

## ***Up Coming Speakers***

October 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker Richard Hirst : Topic The Mayholme Foundation.

November 6<sup>th</sup> speaker Michael McAllister : Topic The Hamilton and the Scourge Museum

January 8<sup>th</sup> speaker Nathan Tidridge : “The Canadian Constitution”

February 5<sup>th</sup> speaker Marilyn Havelka : “The Ruthven's Thompson and their involvement  
in World War 1”



KING STREET STONEY CREEK probably 1944



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Please indicate your preferred membership option: Individual: \$10.00    Family: \$18.00  
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