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NEWSLETTER

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"400 Miles to Indiana and back to Vineland in 1891"

**L to R - S.F. Coffman, A.B. Kolb, Wm P. Coffman and
A.C. Kolb**

Another great picture from of our files at the Archives

Friends of Lincoln's History News

Members, we are pleased to announce that our next speaker meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2023 @ 7pm at the Flemming Centre in Beamsville. Our speaker will be FLH Member John Allan, who will amaze us with his historical accounts and a plethora of photographs of the World War I era Beamsville Aerodrome.

Please see page 5 for further details.

In early December we will be holding our (AGM) Annual General Meeting. Details of the date and venue will follow. Our speaker for that meeting will be FLH member Jay Moyer with his wonderful story on World War I and his family's personal connection. This will include letters written by his uncle Private Jacob (Jay) Moyer who fought at Vimy Ridge. We hope you can join us for this personal and fascinating talk!

Members are encouraged to send in family stories, histories, pictures. Email us at lincolnarchives@gmail.com. Please think about making a donation to the archives. We are collecting for future generations to enjoy and learn. Please visit our website where you can now view all our newsletters. You can also join us on Facebook.

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This newsletter is produced by Karen Hughes, a volunteer at the Archives.

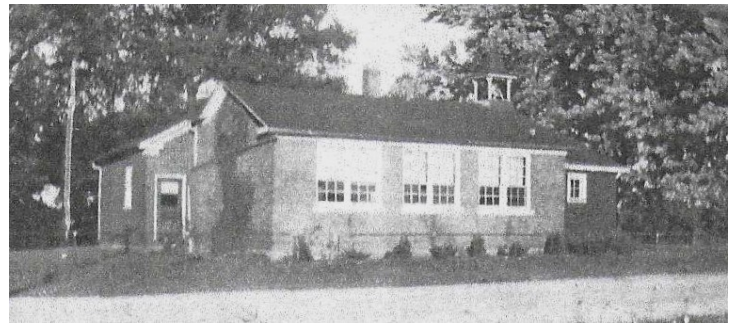
Send questions to kharchives@cogeco.ca

Recently the FLH were awarded grants from the Town of Lincoln and Rittenhouse Foundation. We are so honoured to have been chosen by both.

With the money from the Town of Lincoln we have now hired Sryde Digital Marketing to design our new website. The website should be up and running sometime this fall. With the Rittenhouse Foundation money we have recently purchased new computers for the Archives.

Thanks to Gary Dandridge for your awesome work.

Glen Eyrie School (Twenty School) Union S.S. #3



Part of the original school can still be found near the corner of Victoria Avenue and 7th Ave.

The school was built in 1844 by G.P.M. Ball, Isaac Moyer and Samuel Fry. It was reported that the estimated value of the building and its assets at the time were approximately \$227.00. The first day of school was on January 15, 1845 and the first teacher was Mr. Philip Powers. Some other early teachers were: William Robertson, Harriet L. Powers, Valentine Honsberger, Jane Comfort and David Moore. It was actually Mr. Moore who in 1850 gave the school its name of "Gleneyrie". Previously it was known as the "Twenty" school. It was also in that year that the school section was changed to Union School Section, Clinton 3, Louth 4. In 1904 books were purchased by subscription to start a library and in 1905 a grant was given to the library by M.F. Rittenhouse. He also helped financially with the 1911 library room renovation, which was completed by James K. Honsberger, Joshua Wismer and Emil Roepka. The new building was attached to the existing school. The school yard was also enlarged about this time providing more space for a garden and playground. The school yard enlargement was done by purchasing a small plot of land on the south side of the school property. After 112 years the school finally closed its doors in 1957.



Above: This early picture shows some of its earliest students. Unfortunately we have no date or student names. Notice many have no shoes on. If anyone can name any of the people in the picture or help us out with a date, please contact us at the Archives. Sorry for the poor quality of this old picture.



Above: What great costumes! Can you help us out, we only have some of the student names for this picture. Top Row Johnny Koop, last two on right Joyce Honsberger & Gerald Landers. Bottom Row—Walter Koop, Hazel Holditch, 5th girl Phylis Wismer, last girl Della Morrison. Girl in front Helen Koop.



This 1920 Picture was donated by David Roepke. Left to Right: Elsie Degorzi, Rheta E. Morrison, Ruby Hannigan, Jessie Fretz, Clara Culp, Ernest Roepke and John Fry

A MEMORY.....Harvesting Walnuts By: Charlotte (Lottie) (Smith) Shaw Born Oct.16, 1908

I'll tell you about harvesting walnuts in the fall of the year. We would make a family bee of our enterprise. We would take jute bags and off to the Troup farm in Jordan Station where the nuts were large and plentiful. Sometimes when our supply was low, and the nuts not too plentiful at the Troup's, we would gather the "Beauties" from the banks of the stream flowing through the Alfred High farm. Either place was a treasure house. We never thought that we were robbing the squirrels. There was always plenty. When we got the nuts home, we shelled them never once thinking about the stain on our hands. We washed the nuts in fresh clear water and the cement mixer was a good machine to do a good wash job. We dried the nuts first in the barn, then up in the attic they went where they were spread out on papers.

Around Christmas time we cracked the rich flavoured walnuts and used them for baking and candy making.

**Some great photos from the Friends of Lincoln's History Potluck Supper
Hosted by Ray & Pat Konkle on Aug. 18/23**



THE NEW COUNTRY SONG

1. This wilderness was our abode
 full forty years ago,
 and when good meat we wish to eat
 we caught the buck or doe.
 For fish we used the hook and line
 We pounded corn to make it fine.
 On Johnny cakes our ladies dined
 In This New Country.

2. Our paths were through the winding
 wood,
 where oft the savages trod.
 They were not wild nor scarce a guide,
 but all the ones we had.
 Our houses were logs of wood
 rolled in squares and corked with mud.
 If the bark was tight, the roof was good.
 In This New Country.

3. With axes good we chopped our wood,
 for well we all new how.
 We cleared our lands with hardy hands,
 to fit it for the plough.
 We sowed our lands with Wry and Wheat,
 for strangers and ourselves to eat.
 From the maple tree we drew our sweet

4. We lived in social harmony.
 We drank the pearling stream.
 No priest nor lawyer doctor there,
 was scarcely to be seen.
 Our health it needed no repair.
 No pious man forgot his prayer
 In This New Country

5. The Indians sometimes made us fear,
 that there was danger nigh
 The shaggy bear was often there
 the pig was in his sty.
 The rattlesnake the children dread,
 often our fearful mothers said,
 some beasts of prey will take our babes.
 In This New Country.

6. Of deerskins we made moccasins
 to wear upon our feet,
 and checkered shirts we thought no
 harm,
 for good company to keep.
 If we a visit wish to make on a winters
 night or day,
 the oxen drew our ladies sleigh.
 In This New Country.

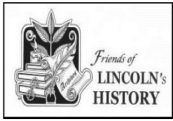
7. The little thorns grew apples on,
 when mandrakes all were gone.
 The sour grapes we used to take
 when frosty nights came on.
 For winter greens our girls would stray,
 For butternuts boys would climb the tree.
 The urbin root was our ladies tea.
 In This New Country.

So far we have found this "New Country Song" in two separate places at the Archives.

It was first found in a Ciphering & Song Book that belonged to Michael Funk Rittenhouse . It was among other stories and many mathematical exercises that he was being taught in school. Michael signed the poem with his name and a date of April 13th, 1837. Our query is that Michael lived from 1840—1918. The writing you see on the background on this page is Michael's own handwriting.

The second copy was found in the family "Lindaberry" file. A note in the file said it "was written for Charlotte Comfort Zimmerman by her Great Great Grandfather Lindaberry". Charlotte was born June 2, 1855. Jacob Lindaberry was her Great Grandfather who was born in 1803. Her Great Great Grandfather John Lindaberry was born in 1772 in Knowlton, New Jersey. He was said to have come to Canada in 1790. Not sure who the original author was or, when it was actually written. Perhaps Michael's 1837 date above is correct.

Please let us know if you have any other information.



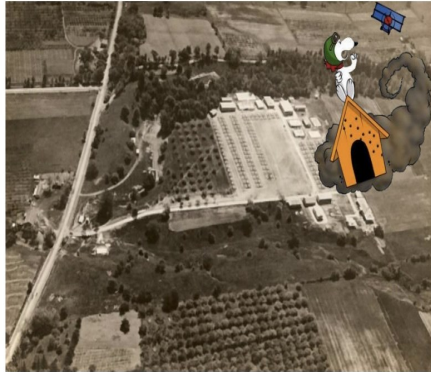
Friends of Lincoln's History October Speaker Event

John Allan: Beamsville's Forgotten Aerodrome A Pictorial Presentation of Beamsville in 1918

John Allan, an FLH member and lover of local history, has accumulated over 250 pictures of the long forgotten Beamsville Aerodrome.

Situated and straddling Highway 8, a mile east of the village, the camp site was a beehive of activity and training in 1918 for the Royal Flying Corps. The site consisted of hangars, garages, gas and oil stores, Officer's quarters and enlisted men's barracks, medical facilities, and machine gun ranges.

John will present an interesting pictorial history of this long-ago era!



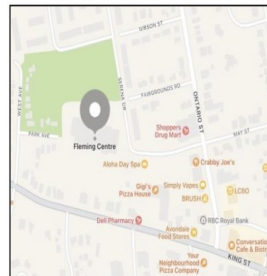
Aerial view of portion of Beamsville Aerodrome, Highway #8

Date: Tuesday October 17th, 2023

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Location: Fleming Centre, Rm B-C on 2nd Floor
(Elevator access)
5020 Serena Dr, Beamsville ON, L0R 1B8

Fees: Free for FLH paid-up Members.
Non-members welcome! \$10 to support FLH.
Free Parking on grounds.



See you there for this fascinating local history talk!

harvest pioneer day

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\$5/PERSON OR \$20/FAMILY

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE GATES
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE MUSEUM
FREE SHUTTLE & PARKING

Come on out to Harvest Pioneer Day.
Please make sure you stop by the Friends
of Lincoln's History booth and visit with
some of the Archives staff.



LAMPLIGHTER TOUR 2023

LIVE THEATRE
BRINGING LOCAL HISTORY TO LIFE
Through 4 Original Plays



Moses, The Mayor & The Medics *Lincoln Trailblazers...*



PREMIER PERFORMANCE

October 3, 7:00 pm

Providence Church, Beamsville
4 plays performed in seated auditorium

WALKING TOUR

October 12, 5:30-7:30 pm
October 13, 5:30-8:00 pm
October 14, 5:30-8:00 pm
October 15, 1:30-3:30 pm

Jordan Village, Lincoln Museum
& Cultural Centre
4 plays performed at historical venues

Box Office Opens:
Aug. 1, 2023

All Tickets \$35

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