



Friends of
**LINCOLN'S
HISTORY**

NEWSLETTER

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What Colour Is Love?

In my mind there's a secret door
That to a garden leads,
And for every colour flower
I have a package of seeds.



This garden grows the flowers of love
In the colours that I grant,
For every colour that I feel love is
In my mind, I plant.

Sometimes I feel lonely
And wonder at love's worth,
I then plant seeds of blue
Into my garden's earth.

But many more times am I joyous
For without love, where would we be?
It's then I find the seed package
That will grow purple for me.

Love is often fragile
We should delicately handle with care,
That's when you'll find flowers of pink
Growing in my garden fair.

Behind each great love there is jealousy
Even if it's not seen.
Now you know why all my flowers
Have stems and leaves of green.

Written by: Renata Borysewicz
1969 Jacob Beam School – Room 11
Found in one of the many scrapbooks we have.

Friends of LINCOLN'S HISTORY BOARD NEWS

Elections were held at our Annual General Meeting on
December 7, 2022.

The New 2023 Board Members

President—Wayne MacMillan

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Secretary - Karen Hughes

Treasurer—Hilda Wiley

Membership—Ray Konkle

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Director—Pat Zacher

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It's now time to renew your membership for 2023. Please see the membership renewal form, which is on the last page of this newsletter. Your donations are needed to help us preserve photo's, book's, map's, diaries and family bibles, etc.

We ask that you please complete our survey on the last page along with the membership renewal. We need your input on future meetings, speakers and venues.

Members are encouraged to send in family stories, histories, pictures or any documents. We accept original items, or even just a copy can sometimes help us solve a mystery. Email us at lincolnarchives@gmail.com. We are collecting for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

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This newsletter is produced by K. Hughes, a volunteer at the Archives. If you have any questions please email kharchives@cogeco.ca

Donations recently received

John Coffman—Family pictures

Rockway Community Centre—Pictures, minute books, etc.

Jay Moyer donated family letters from Vimy Ridge.

The Red Onion School—Vineland

By: Barbara Coffman February 1951



The Little Red Onion School in Vineland was originally situated on three different pieces of property in its life. The above picture was taken in 2012 after the siding was removed and prior to it being torn down.

Site # 1—On Jacob Albright farm on the west side of Townline (Victoria Ave), just north of the railway tracks.

Site #2—Lot # 1, Con. IV, Clinton, just south of the present Pentecostal Church on the west side of Victoria Ave.

Site #3—3358 Menno Street Vineland

Site #1— “The earliest school records available date back to 1847, when a meeting was called on January 9, 1847 in the little Red Schoolhouse located on the Jacob Albright farm on the west side of the Townline and just north of the railway tracks. The purpose of the meeting was the election of Trustees for the year. John Rittenhouse, Abraham Kratz and W.T. Moyer. Abraham Honsberger was hired as teacher at a salary of 57 pounds per annum, and part of the salary was to be raised through taxation of pupils at the rate of one shilling and three pence per child.”

“In February 1855 a school meeting was called for the purpose of setting definite boundaries for the school district. Robert Henry and R.W. Hewson reeve and superintendent of Clinton Township, and William Adams, P. Gregory, reeve and superintendent of Louth. Were present at the meeting and assisted in the task on hand. At this time the boundaries were extended as well as definitely set. At a later meeting that month, a decision was made to move the school to a more central location in the district. Lot #1, Con. IV, in Clinton was chosen. The site was directly south of the present day Pentecostal Church. It was also decided that the school should be moved to the new site, rather than incur the expense of erecting a new one. A grant of \$100 was said to have been given to the Trustees by the Railway company at this time to help defray expenses.”

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ONION IN DISGUISE

Site # 3

Picture is circ. 1984

In this picture the house has had new siding. It no longer has the appearance of a Red Onion.

Site #3—Was on Menno Street.

“Site #2—Lot # 1, Con. IV, south of the present day Pentecostal Church on Victoria Avenue, Vineland”

“In December 1893, the matter of a new school building was brought to the attention of the rate payers at the annual meeting, the old building having been condemned by the inspector. A majority vote favoured the plan of building immediately, but opposition of several members of the board who held out for remodelling the old building, and wrangling over the selection of the new site, delayed the project for over a year. The new building was not completed until late in 1895. The present site, lot #23, Con. III, Louth, was chosen and one acre of land was purchased from J.M. Houser. “

“The need again for more room became acute in 1918, when the once condemned little Red School, now remodelled and painted white was repurchased, and again brought into service as a seat of learning. This building continued to be used for the primary classes until the completion of the remodelling of the old school in the summer of 1924.”

“Among the early teachers serving for two or more terms in the Vineland school were:

Jane Comfort 1854 and 1855 - Barney Hare 1855—1857 - Joseph Albright 1858—1863

Mary Jane Moyer 1865—1872 - Simon Houser 1874—1877 - Harvey Moyer 1818—1883

A.H. Hipple 1884—1886 - James Rowe 1887 and 1888 - A.J. Painter 1889—1894.”

“Site #3 was on Menno Street in Vineland. The church was torn down in 2012 and now a house stands on its spot.”

“The Little Red School House had a fond and unusual name at one time, of the Little Red Onion School, due to the fact that Dave Fretz used the building for drying onions when school was out. “

Gibson Quarry

Beamsville

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GIBSON'S QUARRIES—These are the properties of William Gibson, M.P. and are situated at the top of the mountain a mile and a half south of the village of Beamsville, and two and a half miles from Beamsville Station on the Grand Truck Railway. The property embraces an area of 45 acres, and the limestone rock, where not exposed is covered with only a few inches of soil.

The quarries were opened by Mr. Gibson in May 1884 and have been worked continuously since with a large force of labourers, quarrymen and stonecutters. The amount paid for wages in 1890 was \$87,440. Last year the staff of workmen was increased and in the month of June 60 workmen were employed; the wages paid to quarrymen alone in that month being \$7,500.

These are two workable beds of gray limestone, the upper being seven and the lower eight feet in thickness. The upper is usually the best quality being firm, hard and crystalline; but both contain many fossils, and have openings which are lined with crystals of iron pyrites. In some parts of the quarries the beds are three in number, but the lowest is not more than two or three feet in thickness. Below these workable beds is bed or porous grey limestone, but it is rarely of a quality fit for use.

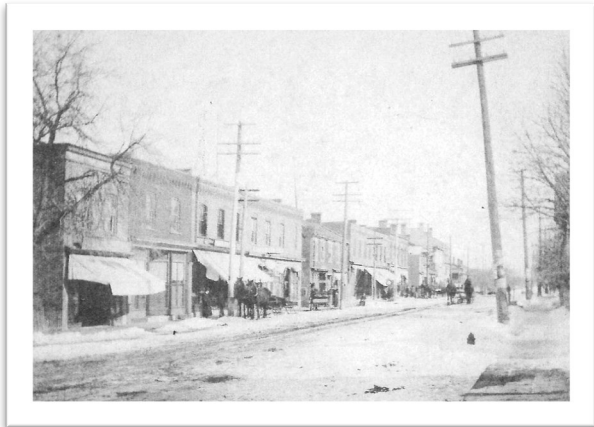
Three large derricks are worked by as many engines, one of which is 24 hp and the other two of 18 hp (horse-power) each, the more powerful one driving a steam drill in addition. Three other derricks are driven by horse-power. A fourth boiler of 35 hp drives three steam drills. Three small drills are used for plug and feather work.

The stone is all cut by hand, and is used largely for the construction of bridges, culverts, tunnels and buildings on the lines of the Grand Truck Railway. The tunnel under the St. Clair River was built by Mr. Gibson with stones from these quarries.

The quarries are about 200 feet above the level of the station, down to which the stone is carried in cars over a tram-road built along the side of the public highway. It could be conveyed the whole distance by gravitation, but to prevent accidents the cars are stopped before they reach the main street of the village. From that point they are taken by horses to the station and empty ones are drawn back to the quarries.

From our “Beamsville Streetscapes” file

King Street at Ontario Street looking east



Circa 1900



Circa 1920



Circa 1940



Circa 1970

The picture below is also from the 1940s in downtown Beamsville. It is taken facing west from about where No-Frills is today.





2023 Membership Renewal

Any questions please email Ray Konkle at ray@konkle.ca
or phone the Archives at (905) 562-4242 and leave a message.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town and Postal Code: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Single \$15.00 _____ Family \$25.00 _____

Please mail your payment to: The Friends of Lincoln's History
4890 Victoria Avenue N. – Box 4000, Vineland Station, Ontario L0R 2E0
or you can make an e-transfer at: lincolnarchivespayment@gmail.com

Survey regarding future in-person meetings

Please return by mail with your Membership Dues or email us your response

Email address: lincolnarchives@gmail.com

The Friends of Lincoln's History are planning to hold member meetings with speakers this year. We would like to hear your opinion regarding the following:

Do you plan on attending future FLH meetings. Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any speakers or areas of interest that you would be interested in having a speaker about

Where should future meetings should be held _____

Would you object to having a meeting held at a winery. Yes _____ No _____

Would you object to having a meeting held outside (summer months). Yes _____ No _____

What type of refreshment's would you like to have served at meetings _____

We are currently preparing for meeting's with speakers. Please watch out for future emails regarding upcoming events and meetings.