



Friends of
**LINCOLN'S
HISTORY**

NEWSLETTER

Spring

May 19, 2023



"In their spring finest"

Back of photo says: – Aunt Flo, Bert and Aunt Anna Haist

Speaker Meetings

Our first speaker meeting of the year was a great success. We would like to thank the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and Alicia Powell for her great presentation and for allowing us to hold the meeting at the beautiful Ball's Falls Elgin Room. It was a special evening. We would also like to also thank Gary Dandridge for all his work in arranging our speaker meetings.

Our next speaker meeting will be held on June 20, 2023 @ 7 pm at The Flemming Centre in Beamsville. Arden Phair will be our guest speaker. He is a St. Catharines Historian, former St. Catharines Museum Director. He is currently conducting research on editorial cartooning in Niagara. Come out and join us for this interesting and informative evening. Please see last page 5 of this newsletter for further details this upcoming event.

Friends of Lincoln's History News

The Town of Lincoln has once again invited the Friends of Lincoln's History to the **Senior Showcase** taking place on Wednesday, June 7th from 10am to noon at the Fleming Centre in Beamsville.

The event is to highlight and showcase businesses and vendors who are focused on health care, support services, volunteer opportunities, fitness and wellness for all seniors in the Town of Lincoln and surrounding area. We hope to see you all there.

Our own volunteer, Sharon MacDonald Adams and her husband Richard Adams, were honoured as one of the 2023 Town of Lincoln Good Citizens Award. We would like to thank them both for all the work they contribute to the Friends of Lincoln's History.

Another Archive volunteer was also the recipient of a Lincoln Good Citizen Award. Gary Dandridge and his wife Beth were honoured by the Lamplighters.

The West Lincoln Historical Society & Archives in Smithville is holding an open house on June 3, 2023 from 10–4. The Archives has information on family histories and local history. Museum artifacts will also be on display. For more information contact them at 905-957-0138 or visit their website at www.wlhs.info Please come out and help support them.

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 see 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

POEM AUTHOR FOUND (By: Karen Hughes)

I hope you all remember the poem from our last newsletter. "What Colour Is Love" by: Renata Borysewicz. Well, FLH member Margaret Andrewes read the poem and was curious about the poet. She did some research which lead her to Donna Burton, and from Donna a connection was made to Renata who is now living in Ottawa with her husband. Renata worked her career for the federal government and is now retired. Renata connected with Margaret Andrewes and wrote, "I honestly don't remember writing the poem. I grew up on Locust Lane (before all the wineries were there) in the first house on the left hand side as you are coming into Beamsville. I have known Donna since grade 2".

Donna sent Margaret the 1968-69 photo below and commented, "I'm in the front row on the end in the blue dress; Renata is 2 in from me, in the cream coloured dress with the long hair. She and I met in grade 2 at Beamsville PS (Jacob B), then from grades 3-6, I went to Senator Gibson while she stayed at Jacob Beam. I was part of the first group to move into the school when it opened in Nov. 1963, then back to Jacob Beam for grades 7 and 8. In Sept. 1969 we started grade 9 at BDSS.

Thank you to Margaret, Donna and Renata for sharing with us. I would also like to thank Joan Romagnoli for naming all the students in the class picture below.



Jacob Beam Public School class picture from 1969.

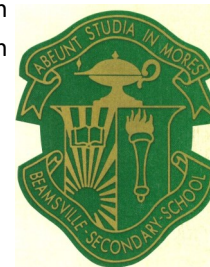
Front Row L to R - **Donna Burton**, Dianne Sherman, **Renata Borysewicz**, Jan Slack, Judy Windecker, Janet Coverdale, Donna Stewart and Verna Gibner.

Middle Row L to R - Mr. Eugene Cocks, Mike Matejsic, Jeremy Egan, Dennis Loomans, Ron Beckett, **Joan Romagnoli**, Tom Glintz, Allan Kimberley and Bob Unrau

Back Row L to R - Joanne Knowles, Ed Windgrove, Ted Savage, Owen Harris, Mervin Cox, Allan Scott (or Schott), Alan Lumley, Craig Geddes and Mary-Jane Grant.

Recently we received a new donation at the Archives:

"**The Tattler**" a 1921 **Beamsville High School** year-book. It is now the oldest yearbook we have in our collection. In this publication we found the following 'Green and Gold' story.



"Green and Gold"

By: J.A. Lang, BHS Teacher

A wealth of symbolism is embodied in our common colors—each signifies some special attribute with which the imagination of man has endowed it. In a world in chaos, red has come to be the symbol of revolution and anarchy, but in more peaceful times it spoke of love and courage. White sands for purity, blue is for truth and black for sorrow. What about green and gold?

"**Green and Gold**" are the colours of our school and we should try and find for them some special significance worthy of that fact. Taken Individually, they can tell us but little, for it's green for jealousy and gold for worth; but, considered together, we need not seek far for their meaning. Looking from the windows of our school these spring days out over the bright new green of the country-side, we cannot but be conscious of the fact that here we have the colour of youth and growth — the colour of the blade and bud unfolding into larger life . And looking from the same windows a few months hence we will know that gold is the colour of maturity and harvest-time, that marks the reward of nature's effort.

So there we have their message and surly no school ever owed loyalty to colours which held for their followers a finer inspiration than ours. They tell us all that education can ever mean; and if there is anything that a school must stand for, it is this process of development which our "**Green and Gold**" implies.

We will be wise indeed to take as the motto for our school life, the message of our colours, and lend our energies to the development of all our faculties into the highest type of intelligent and unselfish character. Let us be true to our "**Green and Gold**" — they are worthy of our best allegiance.

A Snapshot in Time — By: Ruth M. Smith

Hockey is our National Sport! We have always had teams that excelled whether they were local, amateur teams or professional teams. Now girls play as much hockey as the boys do. They wear their helmets and equipment or as one small boy once said, I have my armor on". In the beginning when boys played hockey on the pond or outdoor rinks they had no helmets or 'armor', they wore their skates, hockey pants, socks and jerseys. The only one who might have more padding was the goalie and he used the old Eaton's catalogues on his legs. Hockey was always a big winter sport in what is now the Town of Lincoln. Back in 1899, Beamsville was said to be 'Hockey Crazy", the rinks were outdoors and the spectators were sometimes overzealous,. There were no seats for the spectators, they stood along the boards of the rink, sometimes leaning over the boards. The players must have loved the game to keep playing under the following conditions.

The picture on the right was found at the Archives as a negative, we had it developed and look at the wonderful picture we found. Boys and a dog playing hockey on the pond.

The following excerpt is from the Beamsville Express, Thursday February 16, 1899.

A hockey match in the S.O.H.A. was played at Niagara last Friday evening between Beamsville and Niagara, resulting in a score of 5 to 4 in favour of Niagara. The Beamsville players were struck with sticks and fists from along the boards by spectators and it is high time such disgraceful players were struck with sticks and fists from along the boards by spectators and it is high time such disgraceful scenes at these games were put

to a stop. If it had not been for intimidation of this sort the Beamsville team would have easily won. Owing to the state of feeling of the spectators, which bordered on violence, the referee was completely cowed and was forced to be partial in his rulings. The Beamsville timekeeper was struck several times for protesting against the disgraceful conduct of one of the Niagara spectators who attacked one of the Beamsville players while playing along the boards. The Beamsville team would have left the ice only for fear of the mob who were determined that Niagara should have the game by fair or foul means. The disgraceful conduct of the mob was openly encouraged by several of the prominent officials of the town.



Maple Grove School - This information on Maple Grove School came from Brian Stouck. Based on the documentation we received from him, it appears that there were four schools. The earliest deeds we have for the property are dated from 1874. Unfortunately the deeds for the 1832 school have been lost.

1832— **First school** - located at 4091 King Street, was a white frame building (N/S), 3 buildings west of Brian Stouck's Homestead.

1874—**Second School** - called the Henry School. It was a red-brick building constructed on the S/E corner of Maple Grove Road and Hwy. #8/King Street intersection, which was in the S/W corner of the Henry property / later the Hipple Property.

Deed # 1013 Jan 5, 1874 reg. Mar. 14, 1874; James O. Henry to Jonas Grobb, School Trustee \$40.00

1943—1945 **Third School** - called the Hipple School. It was the white-framed Hipple Help House which sits just east of the current school today. This building was used on a temporary basis during the 3-year construction of the 4th school building.

1946—**Fourth School** - called Maple Grove School, as a grove of maple trees had been planted on site. It is located on the N/E corner of Maple Grove Road and King Street.

2016—The existing Maple Grove School was purchased by Matt Giffen and is now the Bench Brewery.

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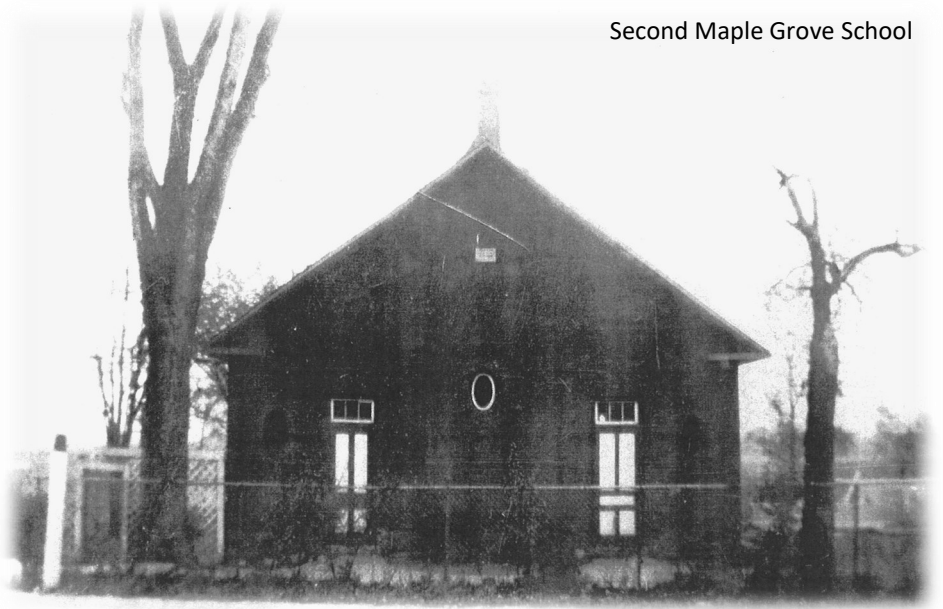
The Maple Grove School

Second Maple Grove School

By: Brian Stouck - Grade 7

The first school serving section 4 of which we have any record was a white frame building erected in 1832 on the Property now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Reg. Flagg.

The first school located on the present site of Maple Grove was built of red brick in 1864. The school was called the Henry School because James Henry donated the land on which the school was built. Years later the Hipple's bought the land on the highways. Since the school was so near, it became known as the Hipple School. Because the school was made of red brick, it was later changed to the "Red Brick School".



The building was sturdy well-proportioned, topped by a belfry and built to accommodate thirty pupils. It was placed in the southwest corner of the property. The boys entered by one door and the girls through the other, immediately into the classroom, hanging their coats on wooden pegs on the back of the wall and placing their lunches on shelves provided. Some additions were made in the year 1895 for the pupils convenience.

At the annual school meeting January 14, 1874, James O. Henry was chosen chairman and James Grobb secretary of the meeting.

The teacher Miss Lucetta Gross was paid the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars a year. The teachers following were S.S. Nash, W. H. Hipple, G.E. Henderson, S. Moyer, Julia Kennedy, Melvin Moyer, R. Culp, F.H. Moyer in 1900 C. Gillespie and in 1904 Emma Hipple.

In 1874 the school trustees were Jonas Grobb, Michael Rittenhouse, Isaac Culp and in 1875 they were Jonas Grobb, Isaac Culp, Samuel H Moyer replacing Michael Rittenhouse. Then again in 1877 the board was W.B. Rittenhouse, Isaac Culp, Samuel Moyer with Ephraim Hipple's name frequently appearing as auditor. There is still a Hipple going to the school. Larry Hipple, great-grandson of the above mentioned Ephraim. A Rittenhouse descendant is also still on the roll in the person of John Rowan great grandson of W.B. Rittenhouse. There are also two grandsons of the trustee in 1911, Brian and Roger Stouck.

It is quite interesting to compare prices between those former years and now. For instance three pounds of nails cost twenty-five cents. Where today we would pay forty-five cents for three pounds of nails and a broom would cost at least one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Several maple trees were bought and planted. They are still standing today. When people thought it was time to give the school a new name, it was named, Maple Grove.

The inspectors in the late 1800s were Mr. Grey and Mr. Ireland. Since 1900 we have had Messrs. Carefoot, Campbell, Macloed, Marshall, Wilker and in 1956 Mr. Klim.

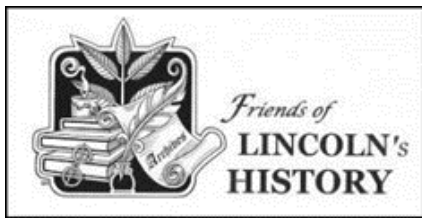
The attendance of the school increased from twenty to forty then eighty pupils and the school seemed to get smaller and smaller even though the school had been made larger. Then it was agreed by the trustees Frank Warner, Norman Eborall and Henry Stouck, to build a new school.

The new school was valued at \$30,000 and was completely finished in 1944. The school was built to accommodate seventy-five to eighty pupils. It was made of orange brick with two classrooms, Home Economics room, basements and manual training room. On Monday, September 10, 1944 Frank Warner (chairman who had served 20 consecutive years) rang the school bell for the first time to call the pupils to their new school.

The teachers in 1956 are Mrs. T. Vail, (Principal) Mrs. D. Coffman and Miss J. Cox. The school Board members are Mr. N. Eborall, (chairman), Mr. EDC Rowan and Mr. W. Salter.

One of our famous men from Maple Grove is Don Fairbairn Commentator over C.B.C., most widely known for his Neighbourly News broadcast heard every Sunday morning on the radio.

Brian Stouck Grade VII Maple Grove School



Friends of Lincoln's History

June Speaker Event

Arden Phair: EDITORIAL CARTOONING IN NIAGARA

175 Years of Observing History

EDITORIAL CARTOONING IN NIAGARA explores the work of a number of editorial cartoonists who were associated with various communities throughout Niagara between 1849 and 2008.

Arden Phair, a local historian and retired Curator at the St. Catharines Museum, has undertaken extensive historical research and a biographical study into the lives and careers of editorial cartoonists in Niagara. His research, including at the Lincoln Archives, has resulted in many new discoveries about a previously undocumented aspect of Niagara's editorial cartooning and local print media history.

Local Cartoonists who will be featured include:

Harry Moyer (1882-1950) of Beamsville, who worked at all the major Toronto dailies, and in New York City for King Features Syndicate, the industry's leading producer and distributor of comics and cartoons.

Thomas Banwell of Jordan, who did editorial cartooning in The Grimsby Independent and the Lincoln Post Express in the 1980s and 1990s.

Lyle Glover, an award-winning Grimsby artist who worked for The Independent, as well as **Bob Dymianiw**.



Josh Silburt, editorial cartoonist for *The St. Catharines Standard*.

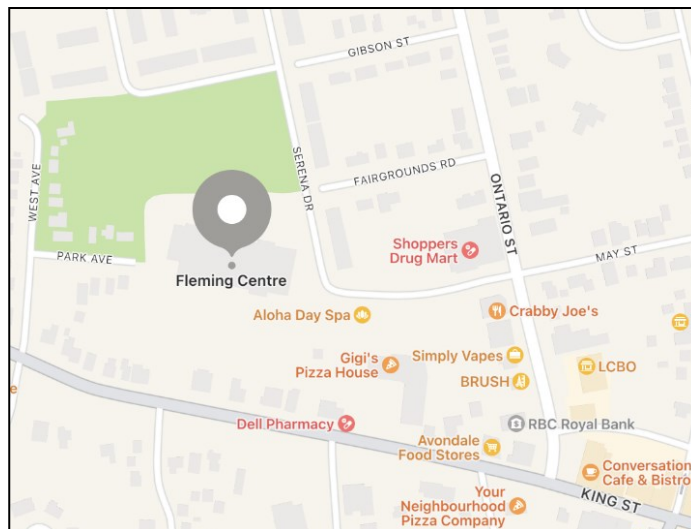
Photo: *The St. Catharines Standard*, November 25, 1936

Date: Tuesday June 20th, 2023

Time: 7—8:30 pm

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

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



See you there!