



*Friends of*  
**LINCOLN'S  
HISTORY**

# NEWSLETTER

November 13, 2020

## A TIME LINE IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO, IN 1970

The Township of Clinton and the Township of Louth were dissolved and the new Town of Lincoln came into being. It now includes the communities of Beamsville, Vineland, Jordan, Campden, Tintern and Rockway

## "LINCOLN'S LOST LANDMARKS"



**Campden Village Hall**

It was first called Moyer's Hall, then it became Zimmermann Hall, followed by Fry's Hall and Albright Hall. In 1917 it became Campden Village Hall, and was sadly torn down in the spring of 2003.

## A LINCOLN HISTORY FRIEND

I started volunteering at the Archives just over a year ago and soon after, I realized that I should have been doing this my whole life. I have always loved history and the many treasures and mysteries you find along the way. I have been working on my own family genealogy for over forty years. While my family did not come from this area, I enjoy learning about all the people who have made this area the special place it is today.

The task that was first assigned to me at the Archives, was indexing eight very large binders of historical research that Heather Troup has been collecting for so many years. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work she has put into her research on Beamsville, Jordan, Vineland, Campden & Tintern. Each week I come in anxious to see what I will find next. It has been a year and I am still working on those binders, which should give you some indication of how much research she has collected over the years. I would also like to thank Mary Lou, Ruth, Myrna, Hilda and Sharon for making me feel so very welcome and mentoring me on all the local history. Thank you....Karen Hughes

## *Friends of* LINCOLN'S HISTORY BOARD NEWS

The Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for December 15, 2020 at 7 pm. Due to increased Covid infections, we will be holding the AGM virtually this year. A separate email will be going out to all members with instructions on how to participate in the virtual meeting.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

2021 Membership dues are normally collected at the AGM, but since the meeting will be held virtually, we ask that you see the membership renewal form on page 5 of this newsletter. Please complete and return it to us with your payment by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please remember we are a charitable organization and rely on your generous support each year. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Pat Zacher, Membership Chair at [patzacher@nwic.ca](mailto:patzacher@nwic.ca)

**Members are encouraged to send in family stories, histories, pictures, or even queries you may have. We are always looking for news items. Please email us at [lincolnarchives@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnarchives@gmail.com)**

## November 11, 2020

Remembrance Day marks the day WWI ended.  
It was originally called Armistice Day.



In 1915 after the closing of the summer training camp at Camp Niagara, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, 10,000 men marched to winter quarters in Toronto. This photo shows them marching through Vineland past where Tallman Funeral Home now stands.

## November 11th, 1918 - Armistice Day

**\*\*\* From a notebook of memories and local stories compiled by Horace Troup (1912-1997) \*\*\*  
Donated by his daughter, Pat High**

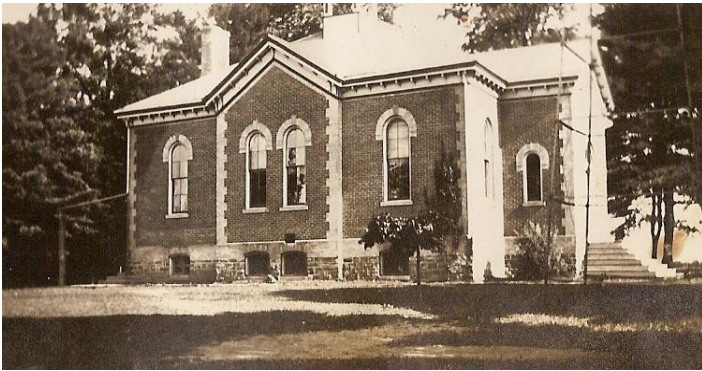
### **A victory celebration gone wrong?**

On November 11th, 1918, the day the Great War ended, a plane from the Beamsville aerodrome came and buzzed our school. There were two people in the plane. They came from the west, north of the school house, flew under the telephone wires, then up and over Philip Wismer's bush, circled south and west over Aaron Honsberger's bush and back again. The third time over Aaron's bush, their engine stalled and they went down.

I was on the north side of the school house, and didn't see the plane go in. However, I heard the commotion of the other kids, and saw them running, so I went too. When we got to the crash site, we found one of the passengers propped up against a tree. He had a broken leg. The other man appeared to be unhurt and answered all kinds of silly questions from the kids who scoured the area for bits of the aircraft to keep as souvenirs. His only request was that we leave him the engine.

An ambulance came and took away the airman with the broken leg, and eventually a crew arrived from the Beamsville aerodrome. The officer shooed us all away from the site. Before we left one of the older boys, Squirt McCarthy, asked if I had anything from the wreck. When I said no, he gave me a small piece of aluminum tubing, which I still have to this day [1976]. We got back to school late for the three o'clock session and our teacher, Miss Dunn, made us stay an extra half hour after the four o'clock dismissal time.

We heard later that the pilot who appeared unhurt died the next day of internal injuries.



**Note:** S.S. No. 2 Louth, later known as Jordan Station Public School was located on the east side of Fifteenth Street, between what is now Honsberger Ave. and Red Maple Ave.

Aaron Honsberger's bush, the site of the crash, was located on the SW corner of the intersection of Fifteenth St. and Red Maple Ave. near Jordan Station.

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## LINCOLN THEN AND.....NOW



Harder's Market was at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Menno Street in Vineland. It was built by John Harder, father of Senator Peter Harder who grew up in Vineland in the 1970s. The building was purchased by Richard and Jean Heida who owned and operated Heida's Department Store, which was eventually transformed into "Heida's" clothing store. Sadly the store closed this year. It will be greatly missed by all.



# THE BIRTH OF AN ARCHIVES

By: Mary Lou Garr

Before the *Friends of Lincoln's History*, the Town of Lincoln, unlike its neighbouring municipalities, had no real Archives. Residents who were purging attics or seeking a place to preserve a deceased relatives's paper treasures, were donating everything to the Archives in St. Catharines, Grimsby or Smithville. The paper history of Lincoln was slowly disappearing into those other communities.

Eight years ago, a group of six history lovers (Bill Zimmerman, Heather Troup, Pat High, Myrna Perry, Ruth Smith and Mary Lou Garr) became frustrated with the situation and were determined to fix it. Of course, any ambitious idea needs lots of help to turn it into reality.

First, Larry Rittenhouse ferreted out space for a remarkable one dollar a year rent at the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre. The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society generously offered \$700.00 to get things going. Ray Konkle showed up with a trailer load of used desks, chairs and shelves. Neighbouring Archives shared resource materials. The Vineland Library dug out discarded computers from their basement and set them up.

Bill Rannie's widow donated boxes of leftover books to sell, and twelve generous owners of heritage houses agreed to open their private homes for House Tours, to help the Archives raise funds to purchase bigger ticket items like a photocopier.

Very quickly, Lincoln citizens began showing up with boxes of photos, letters, diaries, family histories, maps and all kinds of wonderful donations. Dozens of researchers started visiting to seek family or community historical information. Today, about 45 donations a year arrive to be recorded, computerized and safely stored.

Over the last eight years, the Archives has earned a respected position in the history world, most recently demonstrated by a surprise \$15,000.00 gift from the estate of a like minded history lover who appreciated the work being done.

Today working along side some of its original founders, Mary Lou Garr, Ruth Smith, Myrna Perry, are Hilda Wiley, Sharon MacDonald and Karen Hughes.

Today Lincoln residents are no longer dropping their family treasures off at neighbouring archives.

Today, Lincoln's paper history is being preserved where it belongs, in the area where it all happened, in our beloved Town of Lincoln.

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## DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANYONE IN THIS PICTURE?



**THE BEAMSVILLE BAND circ. 1908**

**From Old Boy's & Girl's Town Reunion - Moses F. Rittenhouse provided money for the new uniforms**

**If you recognize anyone please let us know.**

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**Don't forget to visit our LINCOLN ARCHIVES Facebook page.**

## TRAVEL TO SCHOOL IN THE 1940s

Written by: Ruth Smith

In the picture below, Bill Smith, standing on left drove the pony and buggy, while his brothers Fred, standing on right, and Harold, front on the right rode along. Also, with them are neighbours Marie Troup, sitting in the middle and Jay Moyer, sitting on the left. They are off to the Jordan Station Public School. While the children were in school, Peter, the pony, spent the day staked in the baseball outfield keeping the grass cut.



**NAME THAT CHRISTMAS CAROL**  
(A Christmas quiz for you)

1. Bleached Yule
2. Loyal follower's advance
3. Far off in a feeder
4. Delight for this planet
5. Nocturnal noiselessness
6. Bantam male percussionist
7. Red man on route to borough
8. Frozen precipitation commence
9. Castaneous-coloured seed vesicated in a conflagration
10. Single yearning for the twin  
Anterior incisors

Answers are on the bottom of page 5 of this newsletter.  
No peeking

## AUCTION SALE! OF FARM STOCK &

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Will be sold by Public Auction, the effects of the late SAMUEL T. MOYER, deceased, Lot No 4, 3rd, Concession, in the Township of Clinton, on

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 1874.**

the following property, viz:---

1 Buggy Horse 6 years old, 1 Cow, 3 Hogs, 6 Sheep, 1 Top Buggy, 1 Market Buggy, 1 Cutter, 1 Single Harness, 170 bus, Corn in the ear, a lot of Hay and Corn Stalks, 15 bus, Potatoes, 14 bus, Screenings, 2 Beds, 2 Buffalo Robes, 10 Grain bags, 1 Shot Gun, 1 Spinning Wheel, 2 Reels, 30 lbs, Wool in rolls, 1 Copper Kettle, 1 Brass Kettle, 1 Iron Kettle, 1 Barrel Churn, 1 Cupboard, 1 large Meat Tub, 1 large Meat chest, 2 bbls, with Vinegar, 1 Washing Machine, 1 Clothes chest, 1 Lounge, a lot of Chairs, Tubs, Barrels, Crockets, Tools, and other articles too numerous to mention.

**SALE TO COMMENCE AT 10 O'CLOCK.**

**TERMS OF SALE.**

All sums of \$5 and under, Cash; over that amount 9 months credit will be given on furnishing approved notes. 6 per cent off for Cash.

D. H. Moyer, W. H. Rittenhouse, Executors.  
HENRY W. MOYER, Auctioneer.

## HOME, SWEET HOME

By Wesley Frank Nunnemaker - 1915-1986

Though, far away I chance to roam,  
And seek new lands with zest,  
The happy road that leads to home  
Is the one I like best.



I like the hum of turning wheels,  
The new scene o'er the crest,  
But sight of home to me appeals  
Far more than all the rest.

I like the food in restaurants,  
A good motel for rest,  
But what this trav'ler really wants  
Is home, where these are best !

