



Friends of
**LINCOLN'S
HISTORY**

NEWSLETTER

Fall Issue

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November

Dull, and the drabbest of browns,
November:
Nothing to do but think and just
Remember.

Never a glint of gold in that dull sky,
November.
Oh, for the glory of colour October
brought,
Remember?

Cold and gray in the sky above,
Ice cold is the lake;
Come in to the warmth of the kitchen
fire;
Oh, come! Let's bake!

Now is the time for homely cheer
November;
Stir up the fruit for the Christmas cake;
it's soon December!

By: Margery Coffman 1982



MILITARY SOLDIERS IN VINELAND 1915

Friends of Lincoln's History News

Important notice! – We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on December 3rd, 2024 at the Rittenhouse Hall @ The Vineland Research and Innovation Centre, 4890 Victoria Ave. N., Vineland Station. The meeting will begin at 6:15 sharp. The AGM is for members only.

After the AGM we will be holding our Speaker Event featuring Adam Shoalts. He will be speaking on his exciting adventures to the Arctic, as well as his many other expeditions. We hope you can join us for this special event, which is open to members and the general public. Please see page 5 of the newsletter for all the details.

We are just starting to review Speaker Events for 2025. Is there anyone you would like to hear from, or any subject you would like to hear about? Please let us know your thoughts.

We are happy to announce that the FLH has received another donation from the Rockway Community Centre fund. Thank you to all involved and Hilda Wiley for recommending us.

Membership Dues for 2025 are due in January 2025. Please send us your completed form with your payment. The membership renewal sheet is on page 6 of this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Website: www.lincolnarchives.ca *

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We have been very active out in the community this fall. Here are some of the pictures from our recent events.



Pictures (left & right) from the **History of Farming in Lincoln** Speaker Event that was held on Oct. 8, 2024. Mary Lou Garr did such an awesome job, that she has been asked to present it again at the International Plowing Match next September at the West Lincoln Fairgrounds. Thank you, Mary Lou!!



Picture above - Ruth Smith & Karen Hughes Friends of Lincoln's History booth at the Harvest Pioneer Day. Event was Oct, 21, 2024 at the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre.



Pictures above were taken at a speaker event, which we were asked to present, at the Victoria Shores Club House. Ruth gave a wonderful talk on the history of the Vineland, Vineland Station and Jordan Harbour areas. Picture above on the right is showing Ruth Smith, Elizabeth Strong and Lea Henderson. Thank you, Victoria Shores!!



Above picture: Ruth M. Smith from the Archives. Picture to the right is of Ray Konkle and Councillor Lynn Timmers.

These three pictures are of the Grand Opening of the new Jordan Village Square on Nov.2, 2024. The FLH had display boards up showing the history of our quaint little Village of Jordan.



Picture above of Gary Dandridge from the Archives.

We are looking for pictures, any memories or memorabilia from the Beamsville Train Station. We have several pictures and information on the Jordan Train Station, but we have very little information regarding the Beamsville Station. Would you be able to help us? Do you have old photos, tickets or train schedules you may be hanging on to? Maybe you have old photos of loved ones leaving from the station. We would love to see them. The Archives only has 4 items in our collection regarding the station. The three pictures directly below are all we have. We also have one newspaper article; "Down at the Station", reprinted from The Beamsville Express in 1955. Do you know what happened to the building after the station closed. We still do not have an exact date for when it was torn down. If you know, please let us know!



1895 - THE BEAMSVILLE EXPRESS - 1955 19

DOWN AT THE STATION

This group was snapped at Beamsville Station somewhere about 1902-03, and includes the following, some of whom have since passed on: John McIntyre, who was station agent; Sandy Craig; the small son of Mr McIntyre who was drowned one Christmas Day in the creek near the station; Joe Ryekman, latterly of St Catharines; George House, who was an inspector for the Hydro; Charles "Pete" Tallman, for many years a barber in Beamsville and bandmaster of the Beamsville Citizens Band, later superintendent of the County Buildings in St Catharines; Aubrey Fleming, founder of Fleming's Chick Hatchery here; Harry and Charlie Luey; seated on the truck handles are Charley and Kenneth Craig, Elma Terryberry and Mitt Luey. On the truck itself are Archie Allen, at that time a clerk in the store of Hagar and Hall, where the Beamsville Dairy Bar new stands; Hazel McIntyre, Beulah Garbutt (Mrs Sexton, of Detroit), and Freeman Scott, Toronto, also a clerk at Hall's.



John Allan sent us the picture of the train tickets (right), and he also shared the following memory with us.

"As kids we would walk down Konkle creek and put coins on the track to be flattened, and then walk to Grandmother Strong's store to by a 5-cent popsicle and then likely return up the creek to our tree house in the woods. Nort Strong's fuel supply building, which was on the northwest corner of Green Lane & Ontario Street, and between him and the Station was John Abrams roofing and storage shed that may have belong to the railway at one time"

Member Responses - This page contains responses from members who have responded to stories from previous newsletters. Thank you to all who responded. We encourage members to send in stories, pictures and comments. We now have a new picture for the Archives collection, and we have a story to go with an old farming picture we had that had no names attached to it.



Thank you to John and Lewis Coffman. After the road construction article in our last newsletter, they both sent in this picture of their grandfather standing near an old Steam Roller.

Lewis went on to say that the Chambers Family came to Canada in 1912. John said he believes that the picture was taken in the early 1900s.



We had a member respond to the above picture which we used on our “History of Farming” poster”, from our last speaker event. The response came from Larry Rittenhouse in Victoria, BC. He emailed us his memory of the picture.

- “It was taken at S H Rittenhouse farm around 1950-53.
- “It features a Bartlett fruit/cherry sorter, electric powered. Sour cherries are being sorted. The continuous belt tumbled and turned fruit over 3 tiers where damaged fruit could be spotted. Initially fruit was brought into the barn for sorting and basketing. This was found to be too remote from the orchard.
- Using heavy house wiring as a very long extension cord, and mounting the sorter on a large drag sled made the sorting operation portable. There were 4 points of electricity on the farm, Lake side north and south end, but I believe the cord was still over 400 yards long. In later years I helped drag it and coil it. There was a mini drama on start up when the demand surge took a long time. I remember hands-on the big belt pushing it to move.
- It worked with savings and economies! Hence the picture and article.
- Pictured from lower right, receiving sorted cherries is the oldest of S H Rittenhouse’s 3 sons Charles. The, counter-clockwise, Reg Rittenhouse, and next to Reg is the youngest son, Paul Rittenhouse (My Dad!).
- Continuing counterclockwise Mrs. Bilinski, too old for the higher wages of piece work cherry picking, A few years later when I served on the grader next to Mrs. B, I discovered she always had a clove, or two of garlic in her left cheek. Remember this is way before we started sprinkling garlic powder on our BBQ steaks.
- Pictured from the top and continuing counterclockwise. That is my older brother Denis, pouring cherries at the correct rate. I infer from his age the picture is from the early 50s. The, I think, Marylin, Reg’s younger daughter. Not clear on the final 2: one of the Senella sisters? And I think Mr. Bilinski, not sure of his garlic consumption.
- As stated, I took over pouring. It varied with the fruit quality and grader staffing. Other duties included set up, as mentioned and finding where the cord needed splicing.



A *Friends* of Lincoln's History Speaker Event

ADAM SHOALTS: A 3,400 KM ODYSSEY FROM MY DOORSTEP TO THE ARCTIC, AND OTHER ADVENTURES



Adam Shoalts is a professional adventurer, author, and speaker, and the Westaway Explorer-in-Residence at the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. His expeditions range from mapping rivers to archaeological projects, but Shoalts is best known for his long solo journeys, including crossing alone nearly 4,000 km of Canada's Arctic, the subject of his latest national bestselling book *Where the Falcon Flies*. Declared "Canada's Indiana Jones" by the Toronto Star, some of his other national bestselling books include *Alone Against the North*, *A History of Canada in 10 Maps*, and *Beyond the Trees: A Journey Alone Across Canada's Arctic*.

Join us for a special evening with one of Canada's most accomplished adventurers and storytellers!

Date: Tuesday December 3rd, 2024

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Doors Open @6 PM

FLH AGM @ 6:15 PM for Members

Non-Members Arrive @ 6:45 PM

Speaker Event Starts @ 7 PM

Location: Vineland Research & Innovation Centre
4890 Victoria Ave North, Vineland Station
Building 3, Rittenhouse Hall
Lower level (elevator accessible)

Fees: Free for FLH paid-up Members

Non-Members welcome!

(\$10, or join FLH for \$15 yearly membership and arrive at 6 PM for the AGM!)

RSVP: *As seating is limited*, please email us to reserve your spot, lincolnarchives@gmail.com or call 905-562-4242 to leave a message.

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2025 Membership Form

Name _____

Address: _____

Town and Postal Code: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Single \$15.00 _____

Family \$25.00 _____

This membership renewal will be good for the year 2025.

Any questions please contact Karen Hughes at lincolnarchives@gmail.com
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