

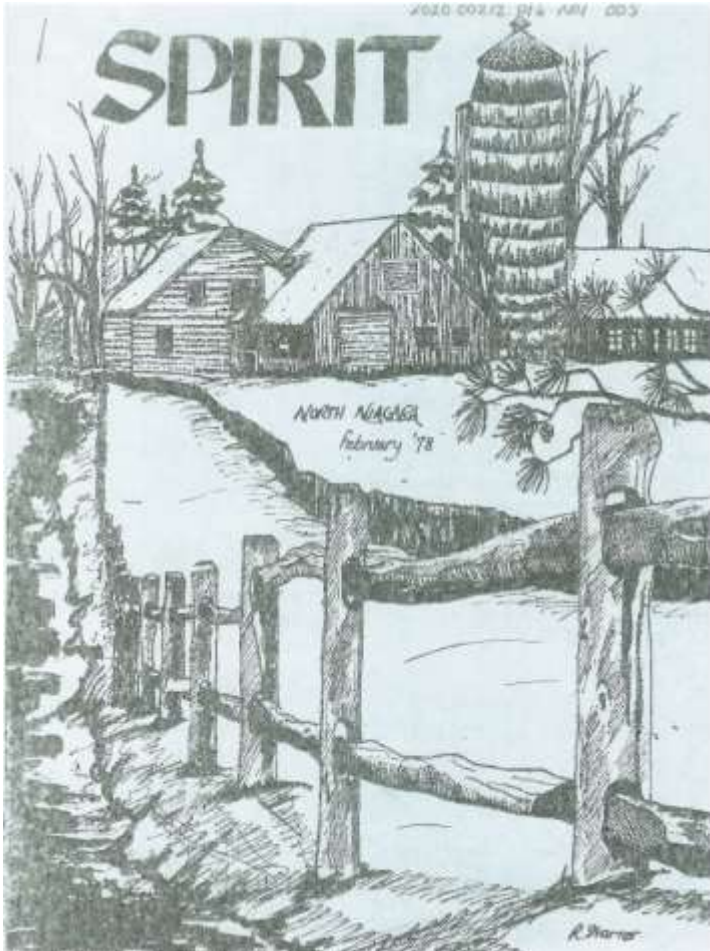


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**LINCOLN'S  
HISTORY**

# NEWSLETTER

Winter

February 15, 2024



**Above: Cover from February 1978 edition of the North Niagara Junior Farmers Spirit Magazine**

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## Friends of Lincoln's History Board News

We are pleased to announce the new 2024 Board of Directors for the Friends of Lincoln's History:

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**New Speaker event planned for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Rochelle Bush will be speaking about Niagara's Early Black History.**

See page 6 of this newsletter for further details.

## **“Breaking News”**

We are pleased to announce our new website is now complete. Please visit our site and tell us what you think.

[www.friendsoflyncolnshistory.ca](http://www.friendsoflyncolnshistory.ca)

## **Membership**

**If you have not already sent in your membership dues for the 2024 year, please complete the last page of this newsletter and send it to us with your fee. We are a Not-for-Profit organization and we depend on the generosity of our members to keep the history of Lincoln alive. All staff at the Archives are volunteers and work diligently to keep donated records safe.**

**Friends of Lincoln's History (Archives) address is 4280 Victoria Avenue North, Vineland Station, Ontario L0R 2E0  
We are located on the lower level of the old Lodge Building #6 on the Campus of the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre  
Open each Wednesday from 9 am to 3 pm, or by appointment. Call us at (905) 562-4242**

# S.S. #7 Mud Creek (Later Spring Creek School) Conc. 9, Lot 15 & 16 Clinton



The first school was built of logs in the early 1790s on Lot 15, Conc. 9 in Clinton Township on the farm of Peter Zimmerman. It stood just east of Eden Cemetery.

In 1824 a new frame school was built to replace the old log school and it stood on the same site as the log school.

Records show that George Zimmerman sold the land on April 25, 1848 to the Niagara District Council for the Spring Creek School. It was part of the west part of Lot 15, Conc. 9. Tremaine's map of 1862 doesn't show the school on Lot 16, Conc. #9, but records at the registry office show that Isaac Book sold ½ acre of Lot 16 in the 9 Conc. to the school trustees on March 31, 1862 which was formally registered on Oct. 29, 1863. The third school, a stone school, was built in 1866 across the road from the second school and the lot where the second school stood was sold back to George Zimmerman.

The Spring Creek School closed in February 1966. The school bell was taken and incorporated into a carin in front of the old township offices on Quarry Road in 1969, and it is still there.



# Beam Theatre

## The Beam Theatre

As written by Bill Rannie, "The Beam was the brainchild of four or five Beamsville men, notably Frank Thompson (Druggist); Clarence Buck (Buck's Funeral); Roy Saunders (Town Councillor and Reeve); Merrill Thompson (Dairyman) and a couple other minor financial donors".

The building was built in 1946-1947 by Cornie Unrau and is now the present site of the Home Hardware in Beamsville.

A Beamsville Express April 9, 1947 article said; "The plans for the theatre were sent to the seat manufacturer who then designed the seats according to the pitch of the floor and the dimensions of the hall to ensure the best possible vision from every seat. For its time it was said that the theatre was state of the art. The seats were to have been the most comfortable seats theatre patrons had ever used".

The building at the time was very modern with air conditioning and other modern conveniences such as a snack bar and washrooms. The facility was managed by Ralph Humphrey. Besides movies there was also some Sunday concerts. The theatre closed its doors in June of 1958.

According to a Bill Rannie article from 1986, The Beam Theatre was not the first theatre around. He said, "Harry Robinson hastily put together a theatre, taking advantage of the influx of Royal Flying Corps trainees at the field just east of Bartlett Road in 1917. It closed right after Armistice Day. Robinson converted the silent movie house into a bowling alley and pool hall".

Ad on top right is from Beamsville Express April 9, 1947 Grand Opening!

Program on right from December 1948.

You Are Invited To Attend

# THE GRAND OPENING

## OF THE

# BEAM THEATRE

BEAMSVILLE

### ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1947 AT 6.00 P.M.

Showing

## "The Bells of St. Mary's"

Starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman

### Jan. Programs at the Beam Theatre

<b>January 3-4</b> Monday and Tuesday <b>"SITTING PRETTY"</b> Robert Young-Clifton Webb Maureen O'Hara Color Cartoon and Short	<b>January 5-6</b> Wednesday and Thursday <b>"LONG NIGHT"</b> (Adult Entertainment) Henry Fonda Barbara Bel Geddes Color Cartoon and Short	<b>January 7-8</b> Friday and Saturday Matinee Sat. 2 p.m. <b>Fury at Furnace Creek</b> Victor Mature-Coleen Gray <b>"Speed to Spare"</b> Richard Arlen-Jean Rogers Paramount News
<b>January 10-11</b> Monday and Tuesday <b>"FORT APACHE"</b> Henry Fonda-John Wayne Shirley Temple Color Cartoon	<b>January 12-13</b> Wednesday and Thursday <b>"Nightmare Alley"</b> Tyrone Power-John Hodiak Color Cartoon and Short	<b>January 14-15</b> Friday and Saturday Matinee Sat. 2 p.m. <b>"TENDER YEARS"</b> Joe E. Brown-Noreen Nash <b>"Mr. Reckless"</b> William Eythe Barbara Britton Paramount News
<b>January 17-18</b> Monday and Tuesday <b>"BIG CLOCK"</b> Ray Milland Maureen O'Sullivan Color Cartoon and Short	<b>January 19-20</b> Wednesday and Thursday <b>"DAISY KENYON"</b> Joan Crawford-Dana Andrews Color Cartoon and Short	<b>January 21-22</b> Friday and Saturday Matinee Sat. 2 p.m. <b>Scudda Hoo Scudda Hay</b> June Haver-Lon McCallister <b>"Happy's Holiday"</b> Hopalong Cassidy Paramount News
<b>January 24-25</b> Monday and Tuesday <b>"HAZARD"</b> Paulette Goddard MacDonald Carey Color Cartoon and Short	<b>January 26-27</b> Wednesday and Thursday <b>"Kiss of Death"</b> Victor Mature-Brian Donlevy Color Cartoon and Short	<b>January 28-29</b> Friday and Saturday Matinee Sat. 2 p.m. <b>Seven Keys to Baldpate</b> Phillip Terry-Jacqueline White <b>"Under the Tonto Rim"</b> Tim Holt-Nan Leslie Paramount News
<b>Jan. 31 - Feb. 1</b> Monday and Tuesday <b>"Give My Regards To Broadway"</b> Dan Dailey-Nancy Guild Color Cartoon and Short	<b>"BIG CLOCK"</b> Ray Milland Maureen O'Sullivan Color Cartoon and Short	<b>"KISS OF DEATH"</b> Victor Mature Brian Donlevy Color Cartoon and Short

Mr. Percy Hodges, Beamsville, was paid \$190 for his photograph at the Beam on December 23.

Be Sure YOU Register For

# Foto-Nite

Every THURSDAY  
or Wednesday (Attendance Nite)

I go to sleep and dream of snow, snow, snow...



Just in case you are missing all the snow we have received most other years.  
Do you have any great snow pictures to share with us?

First row left – A picture from the Rittenhouse family file, Sleighing on Ontario Street in front of St. Alban's Church. First row on right is a Walter Troup photo, Lake Ontario at north end of Victoria Avenue in Vineland.

Second row left – A picture taken on Hwy #8 looking east from Victoria Avenue in Vineland c1940s. Second row right is a Bill Rannie photo of icy country mail boxes.

Third Row – Both pictures are Bill Rannie pictures. The picture on the left was taken during the famous 1977 snow storm and is of a Ford Maverick buried in snow. The picture on the right was taken on King Street in downtown Beamsville covered in snow. Looks like the 1970s around Christmas time.



Above picture is of Jack Sanderson and one of the first snowmobiles made.

### Snowmobile History

Joseph-Armand Bombardier, a mechanic from Valcourt, Quebec invented a propeller-driven sled in 1922. Just like the one in the picture. It was a Bombardier's sprocket wheel track system that defined the first snowmobile in 1935.

## “The Passing of the Pot”

Author Unknown (Donated by Lottie Smith)

As far back in childhood as memory may go,  
one household vessel greets me that wasn't made for show.  
Beneath the bed twas anchored, where only few could see.  
It served the entire family, with equal privacy.

Some called the critter “Peggy” and some the “Thunder Mug”  
Others called it “Badger” and a few called it the “Jug”.

To bring it in at evening, was bad enough no doubt,  
But heaven help the person, who had to take it back out.

Our big one was enormous, and would accommodate,  
a watermelon party comprised of six or eight.  
When nights were dark and raining, it was a useful urn.  
On icy winter mornings, the cold rim seemed to burn.

At times things were rushing and “business” extra good.  
Each took his turn at waiting, and done the best he could.  
Sometimes, when in a hurry, to our disgust and shame,  
We fumbled in the darkness and slightly missed our aim.

The special one for company was decorated well,  
But just the same it rendered the old familiar smell.  
Today this modernism, relieves me quite a lot,  
And only in my vision, I see that homely pot.

## Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

- 2 parents
- 4 grandparents
- 8 great-grandparents
- 16 second great-grandparents
- 32 third great-grandparents
- 64 fourth great-grandparents
- 128 fifth great-grandparents
- 256 sixth great-grandparents
- 512 seventh great-grandparents
- 1024 eighth great-grandparents

For you to be born from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment – How many struggles? How many Battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much Happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? – did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment.....

# **NIAGARA'S EARLY BLACK HISTORY**

## **DISCOVERING THE PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS**



**Join Rochelle Bush as she provides an enlightening talk on Black History in Niagara.**

Covering three centuries of local Black history, this illustrated talk about Niagara's Freedom Trail will explore some of the important sites of interest, historic events, and notable Underground Railroad figures.

Rochelle Bush is a descendant of African American freedom seekers (a.k.a. runaway slaves) who settled in St. Catharines where she was born. Rochelle is the owner and operator of Tubman Tours Canada and the resident historian of the Salem Chapel, BME Church and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historic Sites.

**Date: Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Time: 7 pm to 8:30**

**Place: Fleming Centre in Beamsville**

**Fee: Free for FLH paid up members**

**Non members \$10 to support or \$15 to join.**



## 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 2024.**

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