

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS



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Upcoming

Sat. Oct. 19, 2019

9:30AM – 2:30PM.

Twenty-ninth
Annual Book Fair

Saturday Nov. 23

10:00 am—4:00 pm

Genealogy Fair

Hamilton Public
Library, Central
Branch 55 York
Blvd.

September Public Meeting

Grimsby Beach

We are happy to start off the year with John Allen. John grew up in Beamsville. He married Linda Clements, who is from Grimsby Beach, and has 4 children. The couple bought their first house in Grimsby Beach in 1968. It is one of the many cottages built by John Bowslaugh and Noah Phelps to accommodate the people attending the Methodist camp meetings in the second half of the 19th century. From one of the Bowslaugh cottages, he and his family moved to the Bowslaugh house at 245 Main Street East, to which he did extensive renovations after a devastating fire.

Now retired after working at Stelco for 40 years, John bought himself a 35mm camera and began taking pictures of the Grimsby Beach area. In his passion for history and photography, John has taken some 2,200 pictures that are found at local libraries and archives in Grimsby and Hamilton.

Friday, September 27, 2019

8:00 pm

St. James United Church

306 Parkside Dr

Waterdown

Free Admission All are Welcome!



THE VILLAGE OF
WATERDOWN



BACK IN TIME HISTORY QUEST

WIN PRIZES

**FIND CLUES AROUND
THE VILLAGE!**

OCTOBER 5 - 19



INFO AT: FLAMBOROUGHISTORY.COM

Get your

Deerstalker Hats On

To foster Community Spirit, your Society has developed a Scavenger Hunt of Historic Clues throughout Waterdown. The final clue is at the Book Fair. Visit the website for details, and HAVE FUN!!!

British Home Children Heritage Paper #283

2019 is the 150th Anniversary of the first British Home children arriving in Canada and September 28th is commemorated nationally as British Home Child Day.

On February 7, 2018, a House of Commons motion M-133, sponsored by Conservative MP Guy Lauzon (Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry), passed unanimously 294–0 in Parliament. The motion declared September 28 national British Home Child Day. It was a long overdue recognition of children brought to this country as child immigrants and indentured labourers. It's estimated that there are four million descendants of British Home Children living in Canada today.

2010 was proclaimed the Year of the British Home Child and Canada Post issued a commemorative stamp in September 2010.



The stamp featured an image of the SS *Sardinian* (a ship that carried children from Liverpool to Québec), a map symbolizing their cross-Atlantic journey, a photograph of a child at work on a farm and one of a newly arrived Home Child, standing beside a suitcase while en route to a distributing home in Hamilton, Ontario.

Between 1869 and 1948, over 100,000 children from Great Britain were sent to Canada

in hopes of a better life. They became farm workers and domestics, spread out across the country in rural communities that were expanding and in serious need of workers. These children were often from orphanages, poor families, single parents or other disadvantaged families.

It began when Maria Susan Rye and Annie McPerson brought children to Ontario after a cholera outbreak in London. Along with Thomas Bernardo and other activists, they thought that emigration was the most effective way to help children from the poorest areas of British cities. Although there were critics of the process, the Canadian and provincial governments supported it as did the public.

Thomas John Bernardo was one of the most well known names associated with Home Children. Known as Dr. Bernardo, he never completed his medical training. After moving from Dublin to London he found himself so moved by the plight of children sleeping in alleys that he gave up his plans to become a medical missionary and devoted his life to work among the street children. He established his first home for the destitute in London in 1870. Approximately 30,000 Bernardo children eventually were sent to Canada.

However, children as young as 8 years old were sent and although some were welcomed into loving homes, others were simply considered cheap labour and were treated poorly. Some children were denied proper shelter and education, and even interaction with other children. Many of these children were taken out of the homes in Britain prematurely, with little to no agreement or contact with their families. In later years, many were never able to find their parents or even their siblings who had also been shipped to Canada with them.

In 1925 the Dominion Immigration Branch ruled that no child under fourteen who were not accompanied by their parents, would be admitted into Canada. In 1928 this directive was made permanent, and the practice virtually stopped.

many of the Home Children were received out numbers all other professions from the area.

Several of these Flamborough area Home Children are known to have returned to the area after their services in the war. Some married and settled down, and are buried in local cemeteries.

From Flamborough Archives files

★ The Archives has been given a December deadline to purchase two new comput- ★
 ★ ers. Our existing computers are over 15 years old and will not support Windows ★
 ★ 10, which is used by Hamilton Public Library, and the City of Hamilton. We are ★
 ★ attached to that infrastructure for our computers and email. As you pay your ★
 ★ Annual Membership fee (hint, hint) please consider adding a few dollars in sup- ★
 ★ port of this great need. Our operating funds are very low :(★

Twenty-ninth Annual Book Fair

Again this year, the society has invited many local authors to come to discuss and sign their books. Some heritage associations will also be represented. This is the major fund raising event of the year for WEFHS so you are encouraged to come out and support the Society's ongoing work in the community.

Lunch may be purchased, featuring excellent homemade sandwiches and pies. Gluten Free options will be available. Light refreshments available throughout the day. The Book Fair is the final stop/clue for our **Back in Time History Quest**—a scavenger hunt like no other! Start looking for information October 5 on our website or check out our sponsors in the village.

Fun fact found in the “Millgrove Through the Years” book is the insurance policy issued to John Palmer dated April 1882. As you will see, things have certainly changed!

Mr. Palmer's premium was \$9.00 and was issued for 36 months with a \$900.00 coverage.

On frame dwelling with shingle roof
\$300.00
Contents of dwelling
\$100.00

Frame barn and stable with attached shed
\$200.00
Property therein and four horses

THREADS THROUGH THE PAST

By Lyn Lunsted

Early names in Waterdown

A new Archives project involves transcribing the information on land transactions logged in the land abstract books for Waterdown, and mapping the locations of the various parcels described. All of the land is in lots 6 and 7 of Concession 3, East Flamborough, but within the various surveys and blocks were multiple lots, all of which started from lot 1. Mapping the locations according to the co-ordinates given in the description shows us exactly where the land is. This is not a small project !

While doing this we have come across names of people who did not play any significant roles in the development of early Waterdown so we thought it would be interesting to try and find out more about them.

Dayton Reeves was listed as a shoemaker. He bought and sold several pieces of property in the village over a period of years, eventually selling out in 1839 to Samuel Anderson. There is very little information about him but the memorial documenting the sale of the land indicates that, along with the land, "all houses, out-houses, woods, ways and waters thereon erected" were part of the deal, along with rents and profits thereof. The description of this lot seems to put it north of Dundas Street and on the east side of Mill Street, in the area where Gilmer's Carriage Works was later established.



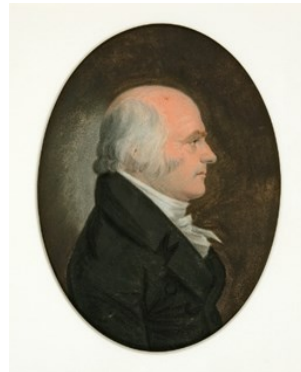
Quetton St. George.

Source: Wikipedia/ Toronto Public Library.

Another name associated with very early transactions is Quetton St. George. According to the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, he

was born Laurent Quet in France in 1771. In 1795 he joined the royalist army of Brittany and was involved in the unsuccessful invasion at Baie de Quiberon. Escaping capture, he made his way back to England, adopting a new surname — St. George. He was one of the royalist émigrés in England who were given a grant of land in Upper Canada for a French military colony.

The party of 14 arrived in Quebec in late 1798 and he engaged in fur trade with nearby Indians. He eventually traded in the Lake Simcoe region and emerged with connections to some of the most important fur merchants in North America. With a fellow officer he opened a store in York (Toronto) and by 1815 he was the sole owner of Quetton St. George and Company, with stores in Kingston, Niagara, Amherstburg and Dundas. He handled all kinds of imported and local goods and provided credit and other financial services. He acquired substantial land holdings, hoping for long term returns. By 1831 he held title to 26,000 acres. He and his attorney, Dr. John Spread Baldwin, show up in two Waterdown transactions, between Alexander Brown and Quetton St. George. Alexander Brown took out a mortgage for £125, 9 shillings, 3 farthings in July 1821, and repaid it in September 1821, for a parcel of 125 acres in Lot 7.



Alexander Auldjo.

Source: Wikimedia Commons

Finally, we have Alexander Auldjo – a businessman, militia officer and politician. Born in Scotland in 1758, he arrived in Montreal in 1778 and like Quetton St. George, became involved in the fur trade. He formed a partnership with William Maitland and Auldjo, Maitland and Company was in business by 1800. They imported a wide variety of manufactured goods, selling to shopkeepers in return for flour and ashes. He invested heavily in real estate in Upper Canada, owning various farm lots throughout the province. The two transactions involving Auldjo were a mortgage for £301.16.0 in July 1797, and a mortgage discharge in August 1801. These were both with Alexander McDonnell, the officer who was the original Crown Patentee on Lot 7, Concession 3, East Flamborough Township.

TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES



Society's Children's Book is almost Complete!

The Children's book that the Society has been working on for the last several months is in the final stages of completion.

Titled "**The Big Move**" it is a Flambosia Tale of Transportation & Communication. The book follows a family from the 1880's through a relocation into Flamborough.

Highlighting black & white Archival photographs, overlaid with colour illustrations by Lisa Jefferies, this book will show children the ways people travelled and communicated in the late nineteenth Century.

It also includes a selection of historical objects, their descriptions and uses. The objects are hidden throughout the pictures' borders, encouraging the reader to search for them throughout the book.

This book is being made possible through the generous contributions of several Society members, and a New Horizons for Seniors Grant. If you donated towards this publication last year, we have your money safely put away for use with this project.

Please stay tuned for the book launch—hopefully before Christmas.

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The Flamborough Heritage Society

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

This summer was a busy one for the Society. Several portable displays documenting subjects such as 'Religion and churches in Flamborough', 'John Street history', were created and placed in the library, the Legion and Village Manor. In August we participated in the *One World, One Family* Genealogy Fair in Hamilton and will be participating in the upcoming Genealogy Fair at the Hamilton Public Library, Central Branch in November.

We are excited about the new season ahead. Kim Hirst is heading up a History Quest scavenger hunt throughout the village for two weeks in October leading up to our Book Fair. The History Quest is a great way to get your families involved in learning about our history. Our book fair will back again on Saturday October 19th, featuring a mix of local authors and bringing back our heritage and historical groups.

Our newest publication is coming together wonderfully. I believe that this children's book will help create a great interest in local history for young students of the community. The artwork is being done by Lisa Jefferies and story has been written by Kim Hirst. We look forward to launching it, so that you can help your youngsters learn and enjoy our amazing history.

Please get involved this season and help us make it the best one yet!

Chris Rivait

President

AREA SOCIETY WEBSITES

The **Ancaster Township Historical Society** -

www.ancasterhistory.ca

The **Burlington Historical Society** -

www.burlingtonhistorical.ca

The **Dundas Valley Historical Society** -

Www.dundashistory.ca

The **Grimsby Historical Society** -

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The **Hamilton Historical Board** -

www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca

The **Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society** -

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The **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Hamilton Branch** -

www.uel.com

The **West Lincoln Historical Society** - www.wlhs.info