

# HERITAGE HAPPENINGS



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### Upcoming Programs

- Feb 22: Aboriginal Farm Workers
- Mar 29: History of Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
- Apr 26: History of Hudson's Bay Company

# January Public Meeting

## Lights Camera Archive!

Danielle Manning has worked at the Archives of Ontario for five years, first as an archivist and now as an Outreach Officer.

“Lights, Camera, Archives” is one of the Archives of Ontario’s most popular programs, and features historical film clips from their collection. We will get a rare look at films produced by a variety of provincial government ministries between the 1920s and 1980s, including A Place to Stand – the Academy Award-winning film created for the Ontario Pavilion at Expo '67. The films provide an educational and entertaining look at how the government wished to shape the

public’s ideas and behaviours regarding a number of subjects, such as health, tourism, education, and working in the Ontario Public Service.



January 25, 2019  
8:00 pm

St. James United Church  
306 Parkside Dr  
Waterdown

Free Admission All are Welcome!

## MEMBER APPEAL

### Calling all members!!!

We are out of, or very low on several of our publications. (YAY! That means lots of sales) So...We are taking the opportunity to revise and edit some of these books. This includes the Millgrove and Carlisle books.

Through the years, the Society has received comments that errors have been made and found. However, exact details of these errors are a

little thin on the ground.

If you have come across something you feel should be addressed in subsequent editions, please contact the Society / Archives by email:

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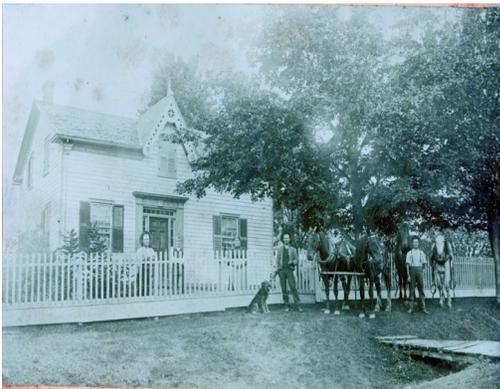
Or drop in to the Archives and have a very pleasant chat with Lyn and her band of merry volunteers.

## The Gastle Family of East Flamborough

### Heritage Paper #278

William Gastle was born in 1798 in Yorkshire, England. He and his wife Hannah (nee Guy) set sail for Canada on May 2, 1830. They initially settled in Nassagaweya (now part of Milton) and later moved to a farm near Lowville, where they remained and began a family.

In 1836, on their farm on Eighth Concession, their eldest son and first of nine children, Henry, was born. Their daughter Jane would grow up to marry George Arthur Bennett.

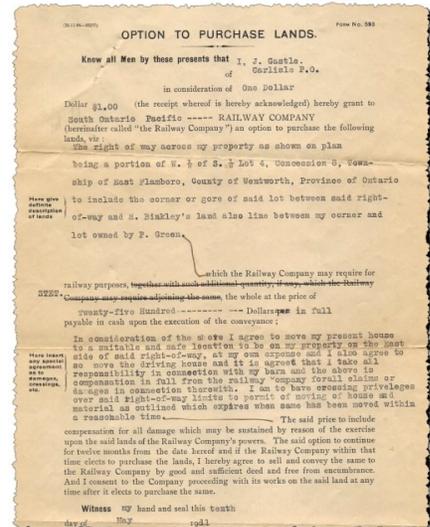


In 1863, Henry bought the farm, which was on lot six, Concession 8, from his parents. Between the years 1863 and 1876, he had a total of eight sons with his wife Elizabeth Dent, six of whom grew up to farm on the Seventh and Eighth Concessions. In 1890, Henry raised the foundations of the original home and added a new roof.

Another son of William, George Gastle, bought a property on the south side of the road on lot 6 Concession 7. He leased and later sold his farm to Henry's youngest son Edwin Best Gastle. Edwin married Annie King Stewart and had two sons, Henry Stewart and Gordon King. Annie died in 1923 and Edwin remarried in 1926 to Bertha Nixon Tansley. Henry Stewart Gastle farmed the property until his death in 1975, and his wife Rhoda took ownership of the property after that.

Several other members of the Gastle family

farmed in the Carlisle area. John Gastle purchased lot 4 on Eighth Concession in 1904, but in 1911 he sold a piece of his property to the CP Railway Co. and had to relocate his house to another area on his property to make room for the railway to pass through it.



He was paid a total of \$2500 (roughly equivalent to \$60,000 today) both for the land itself and to compensate for any damages done to his property or land.

In 1952 in the Hamilton Spectator, John said that one thing outstanding in his memory was the construction of the C.P.R. bridge over Twelve Mile Creek, stating that he watched them building it and recalls seeing the first passenger train going through on July 1, 1912.

On March 8, 2017, Rhoda and Henry's daughter, Ann Betzner donated a large amount of material related to the Gastle family to the Flamborough Archives including original photographs of the family and house, textual records such as deeds, insurance and wills, books and publications, Waterdown High School memorabilia, photos, and more. The photos include the Gastle home on the south side of the road and the option to purchase part of John's lot from the Canadian Pacific Railway.

By Shawna Deathe  
Student Archivist

## GEORGE POTTS

William Everett has given the Archives two horseshoes, stamped with 'G.S. Potts'. George was a well-known and loved blacksmith whose shop was located on Dundas Street at the corner of Franklin. Shown below is George (photo credit –HPL Local History & Archives, Bruce Murdoch Collection), his shop, and his funeral procession down Mill Street March 11, 1967. George passed in his 83rd year.

Along with knives, razors and other metal objects, Mr. Potts made over 100 violins. An excerpt from the Society's Centennial book says "...Geordie, sitting on a kitchen chair by the pump beside his house, amus(ed) himself and others with his playing on a warm summer evening"



## FLAMBOROUGH FUN FACTS

Gary Duschl, a Waterdown native holds the Guinness World record for longest gum wrapper chain.

### About the Chain:

Began on March 11, 1965  
 \$170,070 Worth of Gum  
 1,429 lbs or 698 kgs  
 Volume 115 Cubic Feet  
 WRIGLEY Wrappers Only  
 Record Holder for 24 Years  
 Over 38,000 Hours of Work

### Relative Lengths:

19.142 Miles or 30.8 kms  
 337 Football Fields  
 505 Hockey Rinks  
 306 Soccer Fields  
 69 Empire State Buildings  
 19 Minutes by Car at 60 mph  
 7 Hours to Walk the Length

Currently (as of November 11, 2018 the chain is comprised of 2,480,335 Wrappers and now stretches a whopping 130,063 feet (just of 756 km)



## THREADS THROUGH THE PAST

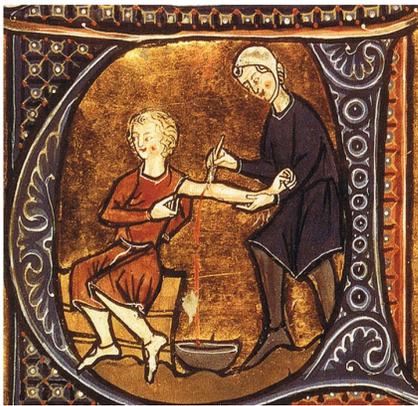
By Lyn Lunsted,

“The more things change,  
the more they stay the same”

Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr in 1849

“ During the last hundred years mankind has made greater advances in knowledge and in turning natural forces to his own use than in the course of any period in the world’s history, and there is no question that the coming century will see a still more astounding forward movement.

We seem to be on the verge of solving problems that have baffled humanity through the ages - and yet the solutions elude us.

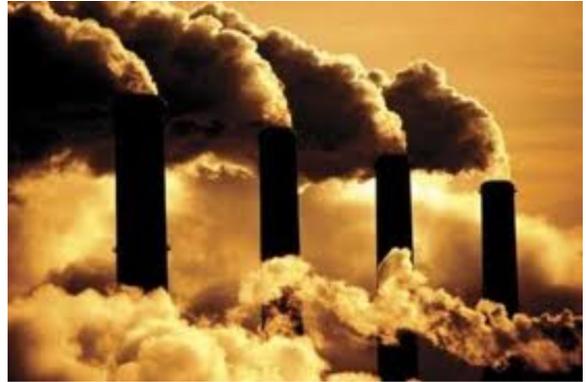


Cancer still baffles medical science though any day its cause and the means of curing it may be known. We have discovered how to deal with typhus, typhoid, smallpox, plague and other dreadful scourges of the past, but are still baffled by influenza and the common cold.

Means of communication between one part of the world and any other are marvels today. But our communications are not perfect. We need a certain and absolutely reliable means of communication.



Another invention for which the world is waiting is that of some satisfactory means of disposing of refuse. Though refuse of all kinds contains huge stores of energy and valuable chemicals, we do not know what to do with it. We turn our rivers into sewers and the countryside is disfigured with dumps.



Power for driving machinery is one of the greatest needs of civilization. In the tides of the sea, which rise or fall twice a day, almost unlimited power is available if we could find a means of using it. Some means must be found of furnishing heat and power without burning substances such as coal, oil or wood. These are wasteful methods and far more important, the smoke that they produce seriously affects man’s health and comfort.

Sudden changes in the weather results in enormous losses not only to farmers, but also to innumerable kinds of businesses. We still have no certain method of forecasting these.

Never before in history have there been such opportunities for inventors.”

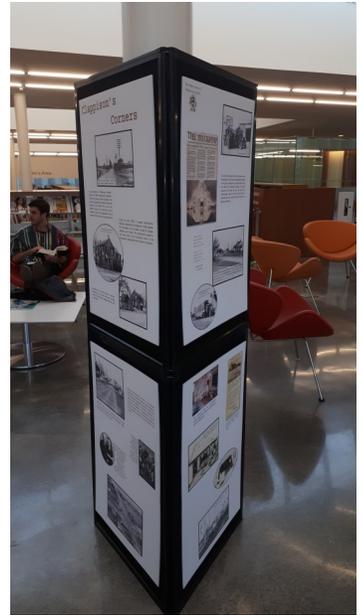
Extract from an article in the Waterdown Review,  
**October 23, 1930.**

Perhaps we haven’t come very far after all.

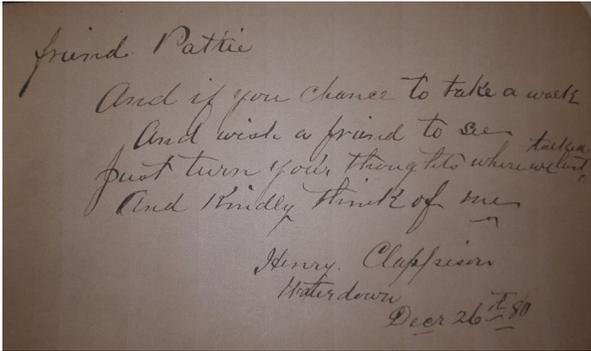
## TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES



Archive volunteer, Mary Goossen admires the Society's new "Smokey Hollow" Panorama Photo newly installed in above the card catalogue.



Excerpts from the autograph book of Patience (Pattie) Edwards have been shared with the Archives by descendant and Society member, Gary Campaigne. This one is from Henry Clappison. Read up on Clappison's Corners on our presentation display found in the Waterdown Library reading area.



A nice collection of text books, journals and photographs has been donated to the Archives by Cam Thomas (grandson of Irene Markle and Fred Thomas) and we have been having a great time discovering gems such as the following:

*"All the boys in Waterdown live a happy life.*

*Except Gordon Mc and he wants a wife.*

*A wife he shall have.*

*A Courting he shall go.*

*With May L by his side,*

*for he loves her so."*

This inscription was found in a High School Reader, 1886 belonging to May (Mae) Langford, Waterdown High School.

Sadly Mae's obituary (also found in the Archives) shows that Mae and Gordon did not end up together.

**LANGFORD, Mae Frances** — At McMaster University Medical Centre on Thursday, April 28, 1983, Mae Langford in her 90th year. Beloved daughter of the late John and Mary Langford, dear sister of Miss Irene H. Langford of Dundas and dear sister-in-law of Mrs. Margaret Langford of Burlington. Predeceased by her brother, Wilfred C. Langford. Loving aunt of Mrs. W. P. Dermotly (Mary M.) of Hamilton, Mrs. J. E. Durran (Kay) of Burlington, Mrs. K. R. Lavery (Joan), Ottawa and Thomas P. Langford of Burlington. Miss Langford was a dear great-aunt of several nieces and nephews and she was a retired school teacher with the Metropolitan School Board. Funeral 9:30 a.m. Monday from the DERMODY-MARKEY FUNERAL HOME, 7 East Avenue South, then to Sacred Heart Church for Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Interment St. Thomas Cemetery, Waterdown. Recitation of the Rosary 8 p.m. Sunday. (Visiting 7-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday.)

**WE WANT YOU**



### SOCIETY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Anyone with speaking experience...we need you!! Area seniors, service clubs, churches and others are interested in hearing Heritage Society talks and seeing our new presentation boards. If you think this is something you would be good at, please contact the Society.

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## NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

The Society is constantly looking for new ways to spread awareness of our history. We are looking into attending as many local bazaars and events this year. Please let us know of any that you know about.

Our Facebook presence has sky-rocketed lately thanks to all the hard work by Archives volunteer Meghan Martin. Meghan has been adding new posts all the time to help spread Flamborough history far and wide. Some posts have been seen by over ten thousand people! Thank you, Meghan for all your help! It has been great to see all the interactions and conversations being started about our history from them.

History is about more than names and dates in books, it is about communities. All the present discussions that have come about from these Facebook posts are helping us preserve more information for our communities in the future.

Chris Rivait  
President

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### AREA SOCIETY WEBSITES

The **Ancaster Township Historical Society** -

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

The **Burlington Historical Society** -

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

The **Dundas Valley Historical Society** -

[Www.dundashistory.ca](http://Www.dundashistory.ca)

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

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