

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS



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Upcoming Programs

Apr 26: History of
Hudson's Bay
Company

March Public Meeting

History of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.

The Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum was founded in 1972 and is a non-profit organization whose mandate is to acquire, document, preserve and maintain a complete collection of aircraft that were flown by Canadians and the Canadian military from the beginning of World War II to the present. Dennis Bradley and Alan Ness have turned their love of aviation and their desire to maintain and preserve Canada's aviation history into a collection of over forty aircraft. Chris Clackett will talk about the history of the museum.



March 29, 2019
8:00 pm

St. James United Church
306 Parkside Dr
Waterdown

Free Admission All are Welcome!

FLAMBOROUGH FUN FACT

Between 1800 and 1820 there were two families in Waterdown for a total population of nine.

1910 — 800 residents

By the 1840s there were 48 householders and 165 people.



In June 1878 the village of Waterdown was incorporated. The population was about 1,000.

2016 — 19,462 residents

A special "Thank-you" to all the members and guests who stayed through the unanticipated delay in the February Public Meeting Aboriginal Farm Workers. We are glad your patience was rewarded by such an outstanding speaker.

The J.T. Stock Building

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The beautiful stone building on the NW corner of Dundas and Mill Street in Waterdown has been servicing the community since its beginning days. Built in the 1850s, it has housed dozens of businesses and shops over the years all while maintaining its early charm. Known today as the Stock Building, it was not always titled such.

The first owner was Francis Crooker, running Francis Crooker's General County Store. In 1853, Francis Crooker appeared on a list of trades and businesses in Waterdown as a grocer and baker. In 1857-1858, his name appeared in the business directory as "dealer in dry goods, hardware and groceries". On March 16, 1858, there was an advertisement in the Hamilton spectator for the sale of the building. The advertisement also read that "offers will also be received for the stock of dry goods, groceries, &c. &c, in the above premises, which amount to be about £400."

John T. Stock took over the building c. 1875, operating his own General Store there for a number of years. During his time there, the first telephone in Waterdown was installed in his store. It was a way station on the Hamilton-Toronto long distance line and cost 15¢ to call from Stock's store to Dundas, Hamilton, Palermo, and Springfield, and a correspondingly larger amount to reach more distant areas. This remained the only telephone in Waterdown for 23 years. J.T. left his business in 1898 and his son, Harry, operated the telephone office for 2 years after.



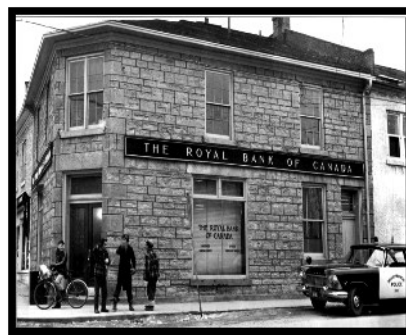
G.M. Reid's Saddle and Harness Shop

During this time, the Waterdown Mechanics Institute met in the upstairs section of the building, and had their library there.

In the 1880s, the western section of the building was constructed and has housed a number of commercial businesses over the years. Constructed of stucco over squared rubble, the L-shaped building was designed to house a private residence upstairs and a business at street level – typical of merchant store designs of the time.

In 1900, G.M. Reid took over the Stock Building with his Saddle and Harness Shop. Reid worked during the night instead of during the day, possibly because farmers would bring in their broken equipment after a day's work and require it to be fixed by the next day. He also took over the telephone operation until it was moved to Harry Hore's Confectionary Store.

By 1909 the building was occupied by the Traders Bank. In 1911 they had a vault installed, subject to the condition that it "was to be removed if and when they vacated". The Traders bank was taken over by the Royal Bank of Canada in 1912 and RBC remained here until October 12, 1962 when they moved into their new bank building further west on Dundas St.



Royal Bank of Canada

From 1910-1912, in the space above the business portion of the Stock building, surveyors working on the railway set up living quarters and work rooms.

In 1941, the Huxley Brothers took over the western section of the building with their Huxley Brothers

Groceries and Butcher Shop, following in the footsteps of T.E. Carey Grocery and Meats, which had occupied that section previously. Between 1941 and 1980, the brothers developed a reputation of kindness towards those who were facing difficulties. They delivered produce to customers who were sick, allowed those experiencing financial difficulties to pay later, and alerted relatives when regular customers did not come into the shop. The Hub Upholstery replaced the Huxley Brothers c. 1982.

Back in the eastern, original section, Public Utilities Commission moved in for a number of years, dating from around the mid 1960s to c.1977. Around 1980, Aunt Lou's Collectibles moved in to fill the vacancy. Another antique store opened up next door in the western section a few years later: Charlton's Antiques and Collectibles. In 1993, the western section was unoccupied, partially due to the construction of Dundas St. Aunt Lou's closed some time that same year. By 1994, both spots were filled again, with Grindstone Creek Apparel on the

western side and Turnovers, an artists' marketplace and a gently used children's clothing boutique, on the eastern side, respectively. Grindstone Creek Apparel moved c. 2003 down the road to 413 Dundas St., and Turnovers was replaced in 1997 by Pickwick Books, which moved into the building from its place in the Dundas St. East Plaza just east of Mill St., and it remains there to this day (2019), the exterior of the building still unchanged from the original.

The western side was filled by Richard C. Kitchen First Line Health Solutions, which was there until c. 2016 when it was replaced by A.P. Reid Insurance Stores.

This building has a rich history and is an integral part of the original Village of Waterdown.

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Google Street View



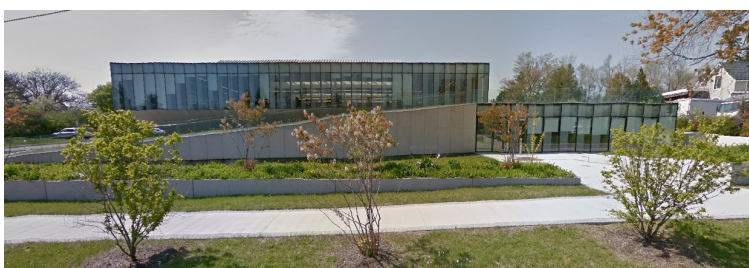
Google Street View is a technology featured in [Google Maps](#) and [Google Earth](#) that provides [interactive panoramas](#) from positions along many streets in the world. It was launched in 2007 in several cities in the United States, and has since expanded to include cities and rural areas worldwide. Streets with Street View imagery available are shown as blue lines on Google Maps.

Google Street View displays panoramas of [stitched](#) images. Most photography is done by car, but some is done by trekker, [tricycle](#), walking, boat, snowmobile, and underwater apparatus.

Street View had its inception in 2001 with The Stanford CityBlock Project, a Google-sponsored [Stanford University](#) research project. The project ended in June 2006, and its technology was folded into StreetView.

Although the "history" of a location on Street View is limited to images taken since 2007, it is interesting to see the incarnations of locations.

Seen here are the same viewpoint from 2007, 2014 and present day.



THREADS THROUGH THE PAST

By Lyn Lunsted,

Irish in Flamborough

Isle of hope, Isle of tears,
Isle of freedom, Isle of fears,
But it's not the Isle I left behind...
That Isle of hunger, Isle of pain,
Isle you'll never see again
But the Isle of home is always on your mind.

From: Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears by Brendan Graham

Although this song is about the first person through Ellis Island in 1892, (an Irish girl named Annie Moore) the feeling is one that every immigrant would have as they left their homeland.

Between 1845 and 1852, over 1.5 million Irish died from famine and the spread of disease. An imported fungus destroyed most of the potato crop that was the primary food source. The majority of people were tenants and when they could not pay their rent due to sickness, hunger or lack of work, they were expelled from their properties. Many died in workhouses/poorhouses or on the side of the road. Approximately the same number of people immigrated to Britain, North America, Australia and New Zealand. Some landlords paid their fares so that they would no longer be responsible for them. Others scraped together every penny they could find to either go themselves or send their children to what everyone hoped was a better life.

Irish immigrants can be found all through Flamborough. After 1835, the largest group of immigrants moving into East Flamborough were Irish, mainly farmers and artisans such as weavers and stonemasons who were able to purchase property. After 1840 most were poor tenants attempting to escape the potato famines.



The Bogle Family of West Flamborough

Many of these Irish families settled in the Mountsberg area, along the 11th Concession. Some of the early settlers probably came on their own initiative, but other groups were sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church in Hamilton. Among these families were Dennis McCarthy of County Cork, his wife Ellen McCarthy from County Kerry, James and Denis Hunter from County Antrim and John McKenna and his wife Mary Mahony from County Kerry. The O'Donnell and McDougall families who settled on the 11th Concession operated steam-powered sawmills. A small Roman Catholic Academy on the 11th Concession was run by a Miss Freel, as early as 1855. The small settlement came to be known as Stoney Battery, named after the large stones in the area.

Carlisle was home to several Irish families. The Bogles, Careys, Cairns, Gallaghers, Hoods, Newells all settled in the area.



Lady Jane Usher

In Millgrove, Lady Jane Usher and her husband William Kilcarey changed their name to Carey and the family has been part of the Millgrove scene, especially where music is concerned, ever since.

In West Flamborough, a large influx of Irish Roman Catholic immigrants settled in the northern part of the Township in the Freulton area and along the Brock Road and the Sixth Concession in the area which became known as "Little Ireland". Patrick Freel came to the area from Ireland in the 1840's.

Strabane gets its name from Matthew Peebles who came from County Tyrone and lived near a small village called Strabane. He was one of the first settlers in the Strabane area, which was also attracted a large number of Scottish settlers.

Each of these families has a story to tell and each has contributed to the growth of the area.

TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES



Kim's Contribution!



WINTER WOES



Regardless of how much we hate the winter (and I have to tell you...this writer HATES the winter!) we have not had to cope with the snow to the extent this driver did from 1938. We can cuss and gripe till the cows come home. But eventually we know that spring will come.

With the warm weather we can anticipate the return of summer activities such as swimming. Seen below is a "shocking" pre-1920's expose of Ella Attridge and Irene Slater among others in their skimpy bathing suits. The picture was taken while they were "half naked" in the Grindstone creek.

This and other pictures are part of a newly acquired scrap book donated by Robert Wray.



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NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY

The Society is excited to announce that we have been awarded a New Horizons for Seniors grant of \$5,900 to cover the costs of artist fees and publishing costs for a children's book on local history. Just like Nathan Tidridge's book 'The Extraordinary History of Flamborough' was originally created to better teach high school students local history, we are hoping that these books will be used to help teach younger students about local Flamborough history in the elementary schools.

The children's book will blend historic Flamborough photographs with cartoon characters of children as they go about their lives in the past. I would like to express my appreciation to our grant writer, Jane Colwell on another successful grant application, as well as to Kim Hirst and Lyn Lunsted for coming up with this great idea and getting the ball rolling.

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** -

[Grimsby Historical Society](http://GrimsbyHistoricalSociety)

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