

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS



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Rising to the Challenge

Although there is a “Closed” sign on the door at the Archives, and our regular public programming and fundraising initiatives have been suspended since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the demand for historical information has remained steady.

Requests continue to come in via telephone, email and social media—which in fact means an increase in the workload of our volunteer archivist. Since the public cannot visit the office, she now does the research for them. Book sales also remain steady and we continue to fill orders for Society publications.

We have been fortunate to receive generous donations of materials to the Archives, all of which requires organizing and cataloguing—and space. Currently, the Society is pricing additional shelving to accommodate all of our newly acquired treasures and add badly needed counter and workspace.



Last—but not least—we have adapted to the “new normal” by stepping up our presence online. Our website is regularly updated with content and we are active on social media platforms, which have also enabled us to promote and connect with many people interested in local history we otherwise may not have.

Watch for our annual report next month, which will outline the Society’s current and planned initiatives as we (hopefully) emerge from the pandemic restrictions that have kept us apart.

Monthly Statistics: March, 2021

Phone calls:	8	Membership:	101
Emails:	103	Instagram followers:	364
Facebook queries:	2	Instagram reach:	298
Website hits:	2,078	Facebook page likes:	2,600
Items catalogued:	8	Facebook reach:	24,555
New acquisitions:	2		

Flamborough Arms and Flag 10th Anniversary April 29, 2021

Heritage Paper # 295

On September 14, 2009, the Flamborough Heritage Society formally petitioned Claire Boudreau, Chief Herald of Canada, for a grant of arms which would "... reflect the former Town of Flamborough and its rich heritage so that we can better educate residents in the region."

This petition came eight years after the amalgamation with Hamilton and the feeling was that a grant of arms (including a flag) would be a great way to highlight and preserve Flamborough's distinct identity within the City of Hamilton. A committee was struck that included some very familiar names (some sadly no longer with us) from across the region:

- Cindy Allen (President of the Flamborough Heritage Society), Waterdown
- Wilf Arndt (Waterdown BIA), Waterdown
- Vi Collins (Beverly Historical Society), Beverly
- Ryan DeCaire (Waterdown District High School Student), Carlisle
- Cecil Hamilton (Author), Strabane
- Kim Janjic (Director with the Flamborough Heritage Society), Waterdown
- Dorothy Kuik (Beverly Historical Society), Rockton
- Janine Matetich (University history student), Mountsberg
- Kyle Menegaldo (Waterdown District High School Student), Freelon
- Ruth Nicholson (President of the Hamilton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists), Waterdown
- John Stalker (President of the Beverly Historical Society), Clyde
- Nathan Tidridge (Vice President of the Flamborough Heritage Society, Chair of the Committee), Carlisle
- Jeff Vanderwal (Flamborough Hockey Association), Waterdown
- Dr. Don Woods (Historian, Author), Waterdown
- Diane Woods (Historian, Author), Waterdown

The first meeting of the committee was held in the "Kirk Room" of the Royal Coachman on January 2, 2010, to brainstorm the themes that would be reflected in the coat of arms: trees, water, people and growth. Following that meeting, gatherings were held across Flamborough over the next year in an effort to be as inclusive as possible. Thanks to a wonderful partnership with the *Flamborough Review*, numerous articles were published encouraging people to offer their suggestions to the committee.

A visit was even paid to the Canadian Heraldic Authority in Ottawa to meet with Dr. Forrest Pass (Saguenay Herald), the herald assigned to the file. Committee member Kim Janjic got to hold the final proof (signed by the Queen) of the most recent version of Canada's Arms, which she had found leaning against a wall in the conference room. Incidentally, Kim secured her place in Canadian heraldic history by coming up with the "peaked gable" element that was first used in Flamborough's design.

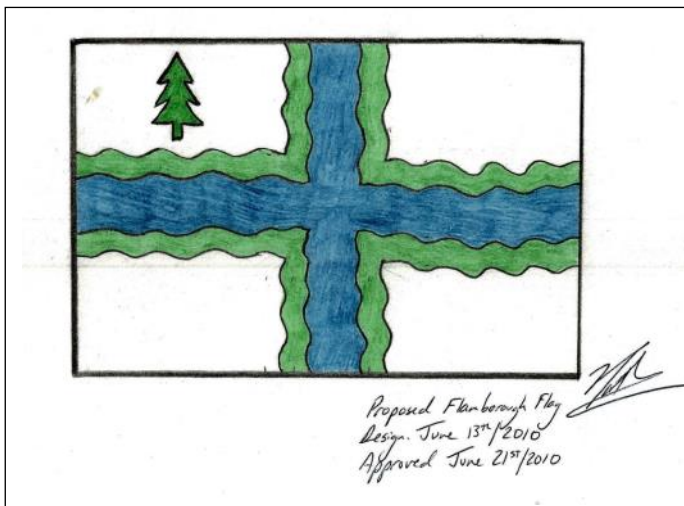


Kim Janjic holds the modern rendering of the Canadian Arms (notice the Queen's signature) during a visit to Ottawa.

To create the motto, all schools in Flamborough were encouraged to have their students participate in a contest shepherded by committee member and Waterdown District High School student Kyle Menegaldo. The penultimate version of the motto read "United We Thrive Against

Hamilton,” so the committee diplomatically suggested a shorter version: United We Thrive.

The final design for the Flamborough flag was hotly debated and a final vote was held at the Clappison's Corners Tim Hortons over five different designs, including a modified version submitted by the Committee Chair. The modified design was selected after a narrow 5-4 vote!



The modified flag design that was ultimately selected by the committee during a meeting at the Clappison's Corners Tim Hortons.

Since the Town of Flamborough no longer existed, the Chief Herald of Canada granted the arms and flag to The Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage Society. A ceremony was held at the Carlisle Golf and Country Club on April 29, 2011, that saw our local symbols proclaimed by the Right Reverend Bishop Ralph Spence, Albion Herald Extraordinary and Canada's foremost vexillologist. Since early 2016, the original Grant of Arms presented at the Carlisle Golf & Country Club has hung proudly at the Flamborough Archives in the Waterdown Branch of the Hamilton Public Library.

These symbols are for the use of the entire community, and it has been wonderful to see them popping up across the region. Flags are being flown by a number of businesses across Flamborough and—thanks to Councillor Judi



Components of the Flamborough Coat of Arms include the crest, flag and badge.

Partridge—are now flown permanently at Waterdown's Memorial Park and Memorial Hall. Recently a Flamborough flag appeared at the cenotaph at Waterdown's Royal Canadian Legion.

A lot has happened in our little corner of the world over the last ten years. Our sense of community remains strong as more people call Flamborough home. These symbols are for everyone to enjoy and feel connected to each other. To celebrate our tenth anniversary, Bishop Spence provided a statement from his home at Flagstaff :

CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done: flags and arms for the community ten years on. Our symbols play an important part of our national life. They give us a chance to share our identity. From the great symbols of First Nation Peoples to the traditions of our shared French and British history we can proudly show our heritage to the world of who we are: an open society from sea to sea to sea. Always changing, always growing, with new Canadians making the nation stronger with their traditions and history. Well done Flamborough.

Nathan Tidridge

Former Chair of the Grant of Arms Committee

For information about the various elements in the Arms, please visit: <https://flamborough-history.com/flamborough-flag-coat-of-arms/>

FLAMBOROUGH HEADLINES



Not much was happening 50 years ago. The Wednesday, March 31, 1971 edition of the Waterdown Review was only 6 pages. The headlines were about a dart tournament, and the Editorial was about the cancellation of the Fall Fair. Local news showed just how small the village was. Do you remember the Bantam store?

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Mr. Ellis, a professor at the University of Guelph, the couple's two children, Kevin 5, and Keith, 3, and Mr. McDougall were all taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, suffering from multiple injuries.

LEGION LADIES ADVANCE IN DART TOURNAMENT

Waterdown's Legion Ladies did it again. They were the only dart team in Zone B-6 in the Regional Dart Tournament to qualify for the Provincial tournament to be held June 26 in Blyth or South Porcupine.

Participating in the Regional

Tournament, held in Brantford last week, for Waterdown were: Rene Monk, Pat Willis, Gail O'Brien, Jackie Vincent and Lou Rockett.

Forty-eight teams participated in this tournament, with eight qualifying for the Provincials.

Editorially - -

NO '71 FALL FAIR

It is a bit saddening that there will be no Flamboro-Waterdown Fall Fair this coming September. It must be disappointing indeed to those who have worked so hard through the years, through many difficulties, to keep it going.

However it has only been cancelled for 1971. And if there is sufficient interest and, if it is really missed by a large number of people, the reins will probably be gathered up again and the fair continued.

The Flamboros and Waterdown were without a fair for many years before a group got together in 1947 and organized the Agricultural Society again for the purpose of holding an annual fair.

After 24 years the community has changed a great deal. Much of East Flamboro and Waterdown has been urbanized. The agricultural picture has changed. Today there is less interest in agriculture. This means extreme difficulty in forming a working executive. Many of those from W. Flamboro have also been active in the Rockton Fair. Other community events conflict with the dates of the fair.

The fair was almost discon-

tinued last year, but at the last moment of the planning meeting the decision was made to carry on for another year. Many have seen the discontinuance coming.

But what next? It was estimated that this fall fair was the one event in the area which brought the whole of the community together. It was many years ago that the late W. G. Marritt, then agricultural representative for Wentworth County, expressed his belief that a county fair would prove more advantageous than the number of small fairs struggling to remain solvent now being held in a number of communities. Perhaps Waterdown's action will lead to some new beginning. Who knows?

Few of us can fully realize how much work and effort and difficulties were experienced by the directors and helpers at these past fairs. But we must have some conception of how much we owe in gratitude for the 24 fall fairs held in Waterdown, which created a show place for the community and for making them the success they really were.

What happens next is up to the people of the community. What is your wish?

ON MAIN

by JOHN

March came in like a lamb and by the looks of it, will go out like a lamb also. That was about the only sheepish thing about March. The 29 days in between were all Lions!

A number of people have reported seeing robins, and some skunks have also been carelessly wandering about our highways raising a stink, so spring can't be too far away!

Goodbye Sandy! Sandy, who is the secretary at our neighbor, Grainger Glass, is leaving for the West Coast. Understand Sandy's boy friend is in the R.C.M.P. in B.C. Both Sandy Guenther and Linda Worrod are going to the West Coast. Lots of luck girls, we'll miss you both.

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TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Recently, we received an amazing donation!

Cal and Ken Bosveld are the sons of John Bosveld, the editor and publisher of the Waterdown Review from 1960 until he passed away in January 1988. His wife and sons continued to publish the paper until was purchased in 1996 by Southam, and then Ken and Cal stayed on for a few more years. Ken contacted us through our Facebook page and offered us the newspapers that the family had stored in Cal's basement—original newspapers from 1918 to 1996.



Most of these are the newspapers which the Heritage Society had arranged to have microfilmed in the early 1990s. Copies of these microfilms were donated to Library & Archives Canada, the Ontario Archives, and Local History & Archives in Hamilton. However, the microfilms only go to 1988, so these additional years are a great addition to our collection.

Now we just have to find money to purchase proper storage boxes and shelving units to store them! Thank you Cal and Ken—we are very grateful.

THREADS THROUGH THE PAST

By Lyn Lunsted

The Mount Family of Mountsberg

Josiah Mount (1794-1873) of Leicestershire and his wife Mary Page (1797-1875) of Lincolnshire were married in England, where six of their eight children were born. They were part of a group of English friends who crossed the Atlantic together in 1835, including the families of Philip Johnson, John Revel, Cornelius Hewins, Josiah Mount and Mrs. Mount's bachelor brother, Joseph Page.

Some of the land in the northern part of East Flamborough had been granted to the heirs of Sir Isaac Brock. In 1833 they transferred title to some lots to William Henry Draper, to encourage settlement. John Galt's Canada Land Company also bought up many of the lots which had been Clergy Reserves, to also encourage settlement. However a re-survey of the lots became necessary about 1835 and it wasn't until July 12, 1840 that Josiah was able to obtain his deed for the northwest 100 acres of Lot 5, Concession 12 in East Flamborough.

The group left from Liverpool and the journey to Quebec would have taken between three and six weeks, depending on the weather. From there, they travelled up the St. Lawrence River by open barge, known as a Durham boat, which was propelled by pike poles when now towed by oxen or horses. They then most likely sailed across Lake Ontario by sailing ship or steamer to York, now Toronto, then on to Dundas.

Durham boats were flat bottomed boats used to navigate the St. Lawrence River and the various canals and waterways in the lower Great Lakes and Eastern United States area. By 1835 over 500 of these boats were in use.

Our collection contains four handwritten pages, presumably written by one of the Mount children but they are unsigned and undated. These pages detail the journey from England and life in the first few years on their new farmland.



Endurance, a replica Durham Boat built in Ottawa in 1983 by Parks Canada and the National Capital Commission in Ottawa. It was said to be the only replica Durham boat in the world at the time. It was scrapped in 2006 except for the bow section which is still on display in the Rideau Canal Museum in Smiths Falls, Ontario

"Father and mother with six children sailed from Liverpool in the summer of 1833 for Canada. They were six weeks crossing the ocean to Quebec. In coming over the ship had a brush with an iceberg, losing some spars and gaining a lot of ice on deck, badly scaring all on board. The ship was not injured as she was a strong timber ship. This happened in the night. The ship was built to take timber from Quebec to Liverpool, and salt, passengers and goods the other way, to make what they could. They came steerage and found all their provisions and cooking vessels and bedding, cooking at the cooks fire.

They came up the St. Lawrence rapids in Durham boats drawn by oxen, a man following the oxen in the worst places with an axe, ready to cut the rope if all did not go right, and let the boat go. The women and small children rode and the rest walked. They came to York, Toronto now, then either Hamilton or Dundas. Then away back in the woods to the English settlement in East Flamboro, so called for many years. The lot they settled on had been squatted upon and the logs for the house were

raised but no roof on it. They got the house fixed up for winter. Clearing the land of the forest was done as fast as they could. When they got here the eldest boy was 16 years, the next nearly 12 years and the third 9 ½. The two youngest were 1 and 3 and the girl 6 years old.

Father never got to be a good chopper. The boys in time became good with the axe. There was only a few trees cut around the house when they came. In clearing, the plan was to cut the smallest trees close to the ground, and cutting all the downed trees in lengths of 12 to 20 feet, piling the brush before the snow came in the fall, cutting the other timber in the winter piling the brush and cutting in lengths ready to be logged and burned in the summer. They left a few of the largest trees oak and pine standing, cutting a ring about 3 feet from the ground around them through the sap, called girdling. Those trees were cut afterwards and burned, some into firewood for the house but most of them in 9 log heaps in the field.

Some of these trees stood a good many years but were a lot of trouble, the bark and small limbs falling in the growing crops. Every field had to be fenced with rails split from some of the best of the trees and 12 feet long the most of them pine, some oak and a few Basswood, Black ash, White Ash and cedar. The first crops were wheat, potatoes and hay, then oats and other crops. They soon got a cow or two, a yoke of oxen, some pigs and poultry. I believe Father walked once or twice to McCann's Mill with about a bushel of wheat on his back for flour, about 5 miles. The mill was about one mile below what is now Campbellville. The good miller took no tolls from such loads.

At the first they had no wagon. An old sled made entirely of wood was their only vehicle and used for every purpose – going to the mill, getting in crops, etc. I think they told me the first wagon came from Beamsville. This might be so, as some of the settlers were there a year or two working out before they came here, and went there most years to harvest where they got the

cash and some settlers went to the front near Wellington Square, now Burlington. They could go and help cut wheat, and then come back as soon as their own was ripe. Money was very scarce then and they done the best they could to get a little. It was several years before they got horses.”

Although there are a couple of discrepancies – these notes indicate they came in 1833 – they seem to accurately describe the journey to East Flamborough. It is possible that this was written by their daughter Jane as the writer refers to ‘the boys’, and she may have remembered the journey to Canada. Further evidence of this is material in the Hewins family history which says that the ship encountered cold and stormy weather and the superstructure of the ship became coated with ice. The weather vane atop the mast had to be freed of ice, resulting in ice raining down on the deck. In her six year old mind, this may have seemed like an iceberg.

First hand memoirs are always fun to read, and these narratives add colour to the history of our ancestors.



Alpheus Mount, youngest son of Josiah and Mary, his wife Hulda Wingrove Mount and two of their children, Gilbert and Mary Catherine. c. 1868

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we finish another year (our fiscal year runs from April to April) we are thankful that this year has not resulted in any major issues for our society. As far as we know, our members have remained healthy and safe. We had sufficient funds to continue operating—it helps that everyone is a volunteer! Although our regular meetings and major fundraising events such as the Book Fair and History Quest scavenger hunt were not able to be held, we remained active through Social Media and these newsletters.

Our Archivist was busier than ever, answering research questions received through emails and Facebook. A few large donations of material were received and we are going to be actively fundraising to purchase additional shelving for storage.

Our Annual Meeting will be held in May once plans have been finalized as to the format, and the Annual Report will be available online soon. Please watch for details.

Hopefully we will be able to resume our monthly meetings in the Fall. Have a wonderful summer.

Chris Rivait, President

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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 Mountain Heritage Society**-
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