

The Broad Road

Newsletter of

Manvers Township Historical Society

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Special thanks to the Newcastle Village and District Historical Society for sending MTHS the photo of two Manvers boys that was in their collection. Welcome home Howard Newton and Hugh Kerr Fallis, sons of Stanley Fallis and Gertrude Kerr.

President's Message

We are well into Spring despite a final encore of April snow early in the month. The Manvers Township Historical Society has been very busy preparing for the Annual General Meeting, moving items into the library space, planning restorative work at the elevator and planning out the year's events. Of special note, Temple tours return this year after a few years of not happening.



The Executive has begun to meet at the library and work is underway to set up the display room there. Please take some time to check out the display cabinets that have expanded at the library. We are pleased to have Jim Chapman as our guest speaker at the AGM and welcome his enthusiastic passion for history and WWII.

As we continue our work to catalogue all that we have it is an overwhelming testament to the families, pioneers and enduring spirit of the legacy that we work so hard to preserve. Our membership meetings have many great speakers lined up for the rest of the year, plan to attend to catch up on all that we are doing and to hear some great information or insights about the shared love of history.

Teresa

From the cover.....

Sher Leetooze the director and member of the Curator's Committee reached out by Facebook to ask for an address to send the original photo of the two young boys that was in their collection. This picture is so wonderful with these little boys almost reluctantly holding still for the camera. Howard was born in 1910 and died in 1988. Hugh was born in 1912 and died in 1998. This means that this photo was taken in about 1913. Hugh is buried with his wife Margaret Helen Lytle Fallis in Little Lake Cemetery Peterborough. Stanley (1875-1968) and Gertrude (1879- 1937) are buried in Fallis Cemetery. Howard is buried in British Columbia. These two little boys were the only children Stanley and Gertrude had. Howard and Hugh are my second cousins twice removed.

Teresa

McCrea's Church and Cemetery

Submitted By: Jan Johnson

The earliest church in that area was marked on a map in 1861 and was located on concession 1 lot 10 of Manvers Township, and was a frame building

At that time a meeting place for the Sunday School was in the Orange Lodge building which was located at the corner of concession 1 and Highway 35.

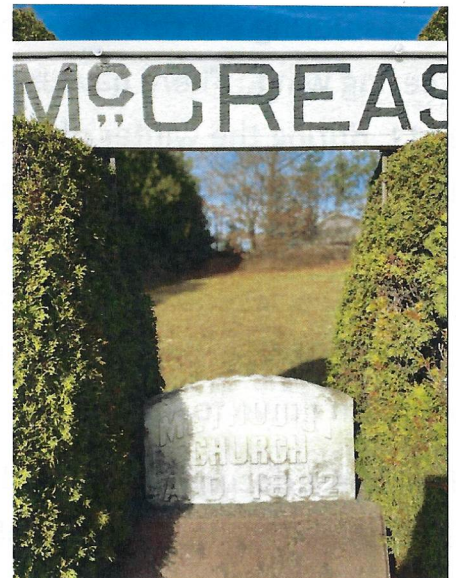
The red brick church was built in 1882. The property was purchased in 1869 from Andrew McCrea for 65 pounds for the one acre.

The bricks came from Bowmanville, drawn by horses and gravel boxes. John Cochrane, Charlie Binngs and unknown others drew the bricks.

The Church services were split between McCrea's and Lotus every other week. McCrea's church closed with the final service being held June 19, 1948. The church stood on the site until 1977 at that time an agreement was reached with the Indian River Demolition company to demolish and remove the church. This agreement brought forth the corner stone, being placed on a monument base and in ground foundation. There are two shrubs planted with it.

The wooden McCrea's sign is placed above the corner stone. This wooden sign had been affixed to the south end of the shed. The location of the above is in the south east corner of the cemetery.

The annual Decoration Day service is held in the cemetery on the second Sunday in July.



McCrea's Church and Cemetery

Continued...submitted by Jan Johnson



Photos by Jan Johnson

The Cemetery, like most country churches and cemeteries, had a shed, built to house the horses during the services. This kept the horses out of the heat and rain and the snow and freezing wind. There have been three sheds built in the cemetery. The first was started in 1911, during the winter of 1912 in the middle of the night some upset members tore it down. The reason was that that the shed obstructed the view of the church. The shed stood where the present day hedge is growing. When they rebuilt this building, it was placed farther north. The second shed was donated in 1913 by a Mr. Alfred Wright. This building originally came from Enterprise Hall. It was situated at the back of the church. In 1938 the old shed was torn down to make room for the present day wooden structure.

The oldest documented burial with a monument is Mr. Alex Thompson, November 14, 1851. Also the first burial in the cemetery was for Mr. William Northcott.

Information compiled from Spirit of the Hills, Rolling Hills, Research Centre resources.



McCREA'S NEW SHED

By Ed. Youngman,
Pontypool, Ont.

In olden times when folks did
travel, they went to worship at
the "Gravel";

But things have changed, and
nowadays we say, "We're go-
ing to McCrea's."

Fifty years or more ago, our fore-
bears had no place to go;

They had no phone, no gas, no
car, so could not travel very
far.

As Sunday was a day of rest, they
felt that they should look
their best;

Should leave their labours in the
lurch, and wend their way un-
to the church.

Times were hard, the folks were
poor, but they weren't glum,
nor were they dour.

They wore a grin, those hardy
Celts, and simply tightened up
their belts.

One fine day the neighbours
'round, assembled on a piece
of ground;

And after working with a will
they'd built a church, that's
going still.

Each year since then, there's a
garden party, to satisfy the
"stomachs hearty".

For when you fill up at McCrea's,
it seems to last you many
days.

When the old folks with their
horses came, there was no
shelter from the rain.

They did not groan, or lie in bed,
but went to work and built a
shed.

But sheds, like us, don't last for
aye, and so of course there
came a day

When shingles, timbers and the
boards, were useless as a mis-
er's hoard.

So once again, like days of yore,
the times are hard and we are
poor;

But we don't groan and shake our
heads, nor do we take unto
our beds.

We rallied 'round the hallowed
spot, one day, when all was
dry and hot;

And tore the old sheds all apart,
which caused a wringing of
our hearts.

Then a chap named Alex Webb
said, "Why not build a closed-
in shed?"

I will build it, free of cost, in
honour of the folks we've lost.

Those folks who settled in these
parts, with skinny purses, but
stout hearts;

Who would not let things beat
them down; who now have
gone to claim their crown."

So he went at it with a will, and
built a shed with roof of steel;
A closed in shed, with roller door,
a monument to all the poor.

So when you go out for a spin,
just stop your car, and do
drop in;

Give us a visit, we'll be glad to
show you 'round our brand
new shed.

When Alex Webb is dead and
gone, he'll leave no "kids" to
carry on;

But he will leave for us, instead,
a steel roofed, closed in, driv-
ing shed.

So those of us, who are proud
"dads," should not forget to
teach our lads,

That a bachelor mar., named
Alex Webb, made possible Mc-
Crea's, "new shed."

Edward Fredrick Philip Youngman

Submitted by: Kathy Morton

Ed was born in London England to Robert and Frances Youngman March 15 1895 His parents died when he was eight years old and became a ward of the Dr.Barnardo Home.

He came to Canada at aged nine in 1904 and worked on a farm in the Simcoe area and attended school in Shanty Bay, In 1912 he moved to Toronto and in August 1914 he joined the Canadian Army and fought in France with the 19th Battalion.

Following the war, Ed returned to Toronto where he married Winnifred Sparks. They purchased a farm in 1920 near Pontypool in Manvers Township where he became interested in reforestation and conservation.

In 1942 he represented Manvers Township as a member of the Conservation and Reforestation Association formed in Port Hope. The Ganaraska Conservation Authority was set up in 1946. The book- "Physiology of Southern Ontario" recognizes Ed as the father of the Ganaraska which saw the planting of thousands of pine trees to stop the sandy fields from erosion. This became known as the Ganaraska Conservation Area.

Ed joined the Department of Lands and Forests as managing Supervisor of the project.

By 1949 the project became too large for one man to supervise. The area was split up with Ed being in charge of the western section of the Durham forest. He remained in that post until his retirement in March 1965 when he and Mrs. Youngman moved to Bowmanville.

Ed was an ardent conservationist, excellent speaker and writer, constantly in demand. He produced a weekly column in the Bowmanville Canadian Statesman.

He was a member for forty years of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a member of the Heather Rebekah Lodge, Orono. In 1956 he was appointed Grand Marshall of the annual convention of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F in Toronto.

Their seven children were: Arthur of Tyrone, Helen (Mrs. D Thompson)of Courtice, Myrtle (Mrs. K Sparkes of Richmond Hill, Fred of Pontypool- Wife – Kay Olan of Pontypool, Gordon of Calgary, Ernest of Bethany- wife-Joyce Bigelow of Bethany and Robert of Kendal

Ed passed on June 18 1966 with burial in Bowmanville Cemetery

GRANDMA'S APRON

..THE PRINCIPLE USE OF GRANDMA'S APRON WAS TO PROTECT THE DRESS UNDERNEATH BUT ALONG WITH THAT, IT SERVED AS A HOLDER FOR REMOVING HOT PANS FROM THE OVEN.

..IT WAS WONDERFUL FOR DRYING CHILDREN'S TEARS AND ON OCCASION WAS EVEN USED FOR CLEANING OUT DIRTY EARS.

..FROM THE CHICKEN-COOP THE APRON WAS USED FOR CARRYING EGGS AND SOMETIMES HALF-HATCHED EGGS TO BE FINISHED IN THE WARMING OVEN.

..WHEN COMPANY CAME THOSE OLD APRONS WERE IDEAL HIDING PLACES FOR SHY KIDS.

..WHEN THE WEATHER WAS COLD, GRANDMA WRAPPED IT AROUND HER ARMS.

..THOSE BIG OLD APRONS WIPED MANY A PERSPIRING BROW, BENT OVER THE HOT WOOD STOVE.

..KINDLING-WOOD WAS BROUGHT INTO THE KITCHEN IN THAT APRON.

..FROM THE GARDEN IT CARRIED ALL SORTS OF VEGETABLES. AFTER THE PEAS HAD BEEN SHELLED IT CARRIED OUT THE HULLS.

..IN THE FALL IT WAS USED TO BRING IN APPLES THAT HAD FALLEN FROM THE TREES.

..WHEN UNEXPECTED COMPANY DROVE UP THE ROAD, IT WAS SURPRISING HOW MUCH FURNITURE THAT OLD APRON COULD DUST IN A MATTER OF SECONDS.

..WHEN DINNER WAS READY, GRANDMA WALKED OUT ON THE PORCH AND WAVED HER APRON AND THE MEN KNOW IT WAS TIME TO COME IN FROM THE FIELDS FOR DINNER.

....IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE ANYONE INVENTS SOMETHING THAT WILL REPLACE THAT OLD-TIME APRON THAT SERVED SO MANY PURPOSES.

MEMORIES ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR LIVES. MAY THE BEAT GO ON.....

Early Settlers and Settlements

Reuben Crandell

Reuben Crandell was, without question, the first permanent white pioneer to inhabit land in Reach Township. Born in Saratoga County, New York State in 1794, he lost his father when he was only four years old. At nine years of age he moved with his mother and stepfather to Canada, settling near the Bay of Quinte.

In these early times, Mr. Crandell lived by his axe, clearing land, but moved to Haldimand County, where he married Catherine More. The Crandell's first child Elmore was born a year later. In May of 1821, he, his family and a team of oxen set off for Reach Township. He

purchased 200 acres near Manchester paying 50 cents an acre, and built a log home. (pictured)

Seven months after their arrival Catherine gave birth to Lucy Ann, she was the first white child born in Reach Township. Then came Benjamin, he was the first white male child to be born, followed by brothers George, Caleb and Reuben Jr.

Over the years Reuben cleared 105 acres

and built a larger home. He sold this property and purchased another 200 acres. He had five more children; Clark, Janet, Mary, Ruth and Byron.

The village which arose around the immediate settlement of Mr. Crandell's land, near the corner of Queen St and Old Simcoe Road, for many years bore the name of Crandell's Corners, until 1870 when his family had it changed to Borelia. Name that stuck with the settlement long after it was absorbed by the newly incorporated village of Port Perry.

Reuben Crandell aged 77 died on October 8, 1874. He had 12 children in total, 7 sons and 5 daughters, all of whom with the exception of one daughter survived him. His wife Catherine, 71 predeceased him in August 1870.

Submitted by Jan Johnson, compiled from Scugog the Early years and Steam boating on the Trent Severn



A walk down memory Lane.....

With Jan Johnson from the collection of M.J. Bradburn



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stinson of Janetville are celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary at their home on Wednesday July 18, 1950. The bride of 50 years ago was Miss Eliza Jane Bradburn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bradburn and the groom a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Stinson of the 14th concession of Manvers. They were married at the bride's home on the 13th concession of Manvers by the Rev. R. Fallis, then pastor of the local Methodist Church. The bridesmaids were her sister Miss

Lena Bradburn and a cousin Miss Lela Peel. With the groomsmen were Mr. Albert mills of Lifford and Mr. Irvine McGill of Yelverton. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson have three children: one daughter Mrs. Harvey Davidson (Gladys) of Janetville and 2 sons, Mr. Everett Stinson and Mr. Arthur Stinson.



Lindsay District Couple Mark Golden Anniversary 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nugent of Oakwood marked their Golden Wedding Anniversary Friday with an at home celebration. Nugent was a member of Ops Township, a carpenter, construction supervisor for Braunton Constructions Company. He retired in 1950. Mrs. Nugent the form Ida Pearl Jackett, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Jackett of Janetville, was a member of the Queen street United Church Women, also a member of the LOBA and the Loyal True Blues.

They had 6 children, Mrs. Leslie Hall (Olive) of Oshawa. Howard of Lindsay, Mrs. Alec Clarke (Muriel) Oshawa, Mrs. Edward Corby (Thelma) Oshawa, Mrs. Edward Simon (Ruth) Kitchener and Ronald of Calgary. Also they have 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



British home children in Manvers

A project the society is developing

Please consider helping a small group of volunteers in the search for home children of Manvers. If you have information on a home child that stayed with your family or is part of your ancestry, please email Kathy Morton at kmorton131@gmail.com. Just reviewing the census we have found well over 150 lodgers, boarders and servants living with Manvers families that were born in the UK and are under 18 years of age.

From the late 1860s right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated right across Canada, from the United Kingdom, to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only approximately 12 percent truly were. These children were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations including the well-known and still working charities: Barnardo's, The Salvation Army and Quarrier's, to name a few.

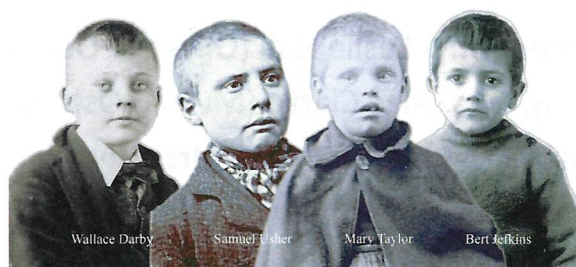
For the most part, these children were not picked up from the streets but came from intact families, who, through sickness or even death of one of their parents, had fallen on hard times. Because there was no social system in place to help them get through these difficult circumstances, the family had no other way than to surrender their offspring to the organizations.

Sometimes this was meant to be a temporary solution until the family got back on their feet and there are cases on record where some parents went back to pick their children up, only to find that they had already been sent away. Sometimes the parents received an 'after sailing' notification, informing that their children had been emigrated a week before.

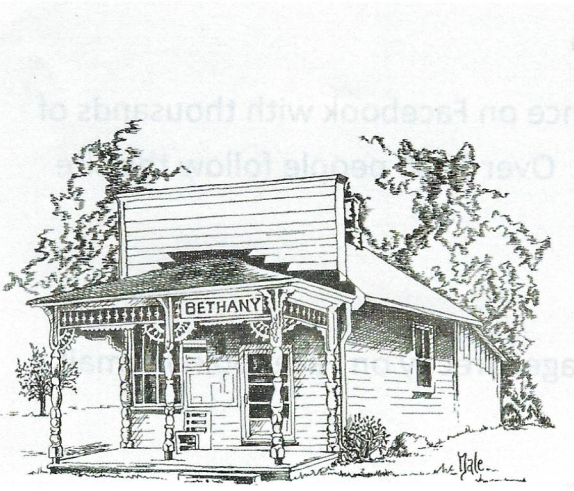
Once in Canada, the children were sent to receiving homes right across the country until farmers picked them up or they were sent on to their destinations with a cardboard sign around their necks. There were at least seven applicants for every child shipped to this country.



Information from the British Home Children in Canada Website.



Coming Events



Conducted Tour to Wutai Shan Graden Buddhist Temple Bethany

Sun June 23 and Sat July 6 9:30-12 and 1-3 p.m.

Price \$35/person/advance payment by credit card 705 277 2751 or e-transfer kmorton131@gmail.com*Chinese buffet lunch \$25 prepaid. Seating at 11 am prior to afternoon tour and 12 noon for returning buses.

Wear comfortable shoes, hat and bring water.

The event committee finalized some dates for 2024:

Annual Plant and Bake sale June 1

Cemetery walk at Ballyduff September 21

Banner dedication ceremony September 29

Annual Pie and bake sale October 5

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

May 21, 2024 Highlights Trent Valley Archives- Elwood -Janetville hall 7 pm

June 18, 2024 Genealogy Laura Love - Pontypool Hall 7 pm

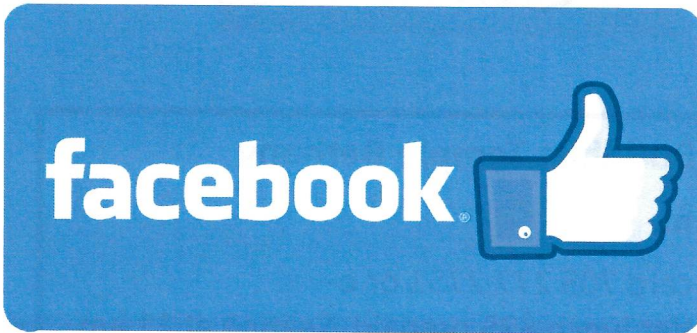


As you open your gardens this spring, please keep in mind donations of perennials to the June 1st Plant sale.

Find us on the Web

Manvers Township Historical Society has an active presence on Facebook with thousands of hits each week looking at old photos or newspaper clips. Over 1500 people follow the site and add to its information with comments and shares.

If you wish to add something to the site, send it by message directly on Facebook or email Teresa Jordan at teresaanddon651@gmail.com.



www.manvershistory.ca

Become a member of Manvers Township Historical Society

If you would like to join the Manvers Township Historical Society or if you wish to renew your membership, please complete the following form and mail to:

Manvers Township Historical Society

Box 173 Bethany, ON L0A1A0

The membership year ends December 31. The membership fee for a year is \$15.00.

Corporate Membership fee is \$25.00.

Name: _____

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