



Hays sales barn, 1950s.

Local Farms

History

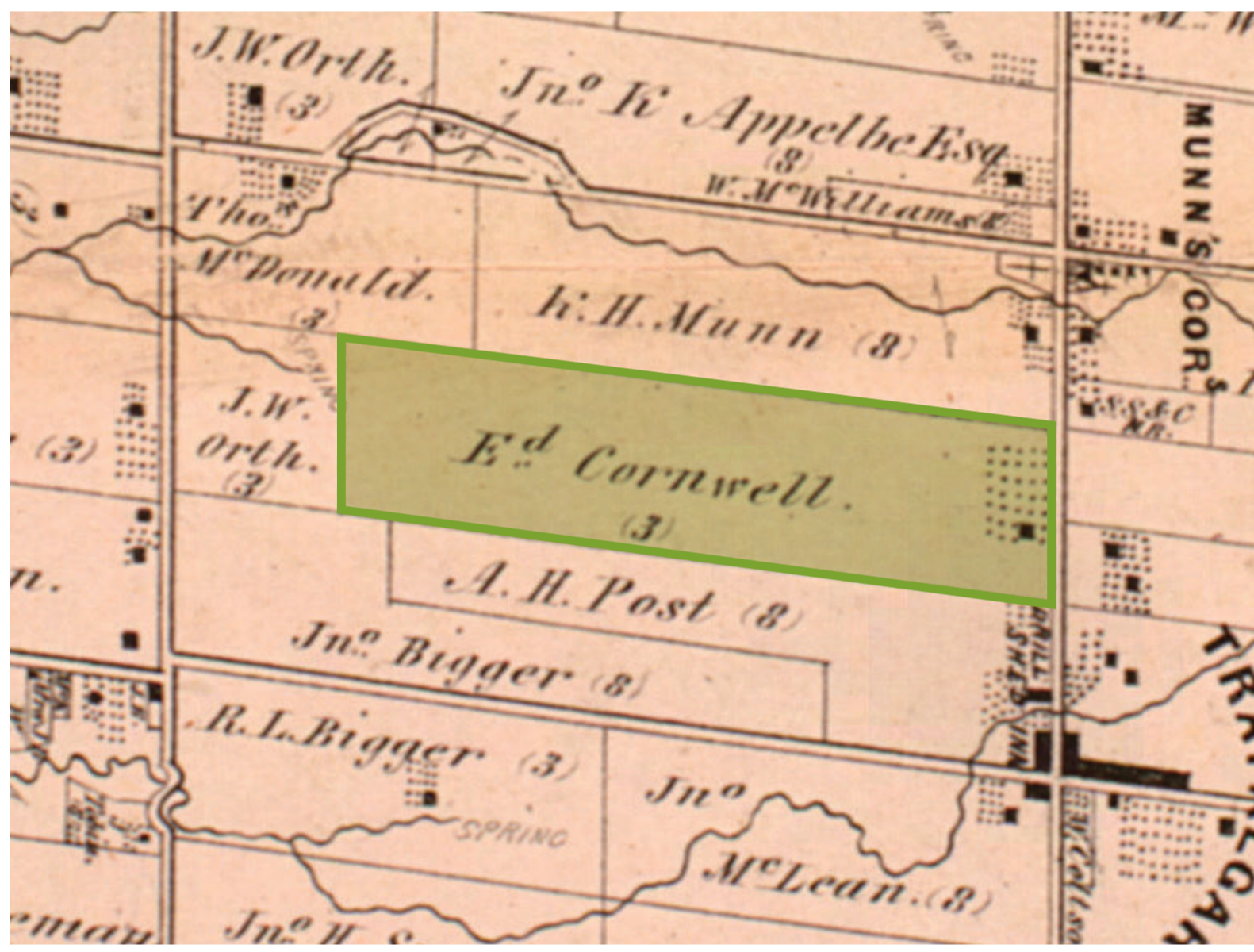
On the south side of Dundas Street, between Trafalgar Road and Sixth Line, there were three original 200-acre lots. These were, from east to west, Lots 13, 14 and 15 in Concession 1 SDS. Memorial Park is situated on parts of Lots 14 and 15.

Lot 14

Originally granted to Amelia (or Aurelia) Jones in 1808, this lot changed families numerous times throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. In more recent history, the Hays family used the property for their cattle auction business. The family operated a purebred livestock auction and exported top purebred cattle all over the world, resulting in three family members being inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. Nearby Hays Boulevard is named after this family.

This property once contained an early 20th century brick farmhouse located close to Dundas Street. To the south and west of the house was the hired man's house and several barns built over the years, including the original gambrel barn and other structures built later for the auction business. Former MP of Halton Centre Barbara Sullivan grew up in the brick farmhouse in the 1950s.

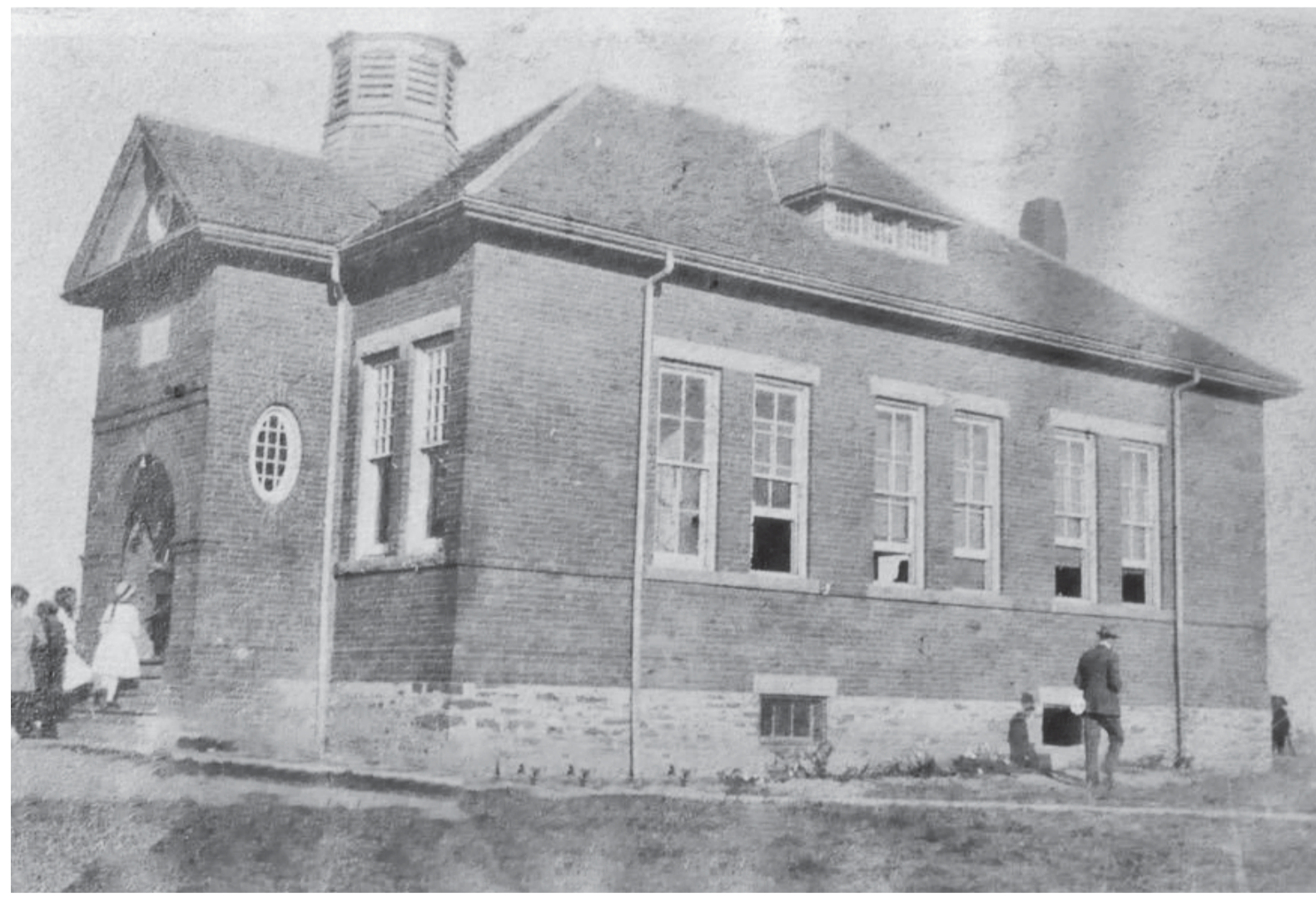
To the west of the farm, the third Munn's School was constructed in 1900. The original school for the hamlet was built on the cemetery lands on the southeast corner of Sixth Line and Dundas Street. In 1852, a new school was built on the northeast corner and used until 1900 when a larger brick school was constructed between the Munn Farm and what later became the Hays farm. In 1955, this brick building was replaced by the current Munn's Public School at Sixth Line and Upper Middle Road.



Lot allocation from 1877 Township survey, Lot 14 highlighted.



Tom Hays Sr. running a cattle auction in the new barn, 1960s.



Munn's School S.S. 3A, early 20th century.



Munn's School graduating class of 1935.

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